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IMPORTANT SURVEY.

HO KONG BANK MEETING.

MILITARY LENDS FOOLY.

CHINA'S CHAOS: SILVER PROSPECTS: WHAMPOA'S FUTURE.

World trade conditions, Far Eastern commerce, the chaos in China, reparations, and the future of silver were some of the important subjects discussed in the Chairman's speech at the 10th annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation held in the City Hall to-day at noon. The Chairman also had something to say about official procrastination in connection with the transfer of military establishments to sites which do not hamper the Colony's expansion so greatly.

Mr. A. O. Lang presided and was supported by Mr. D. G. M. Bernard (Deputy Chairman), Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Hon. Mr. E. V. D. Parr, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. G. T. M. Edkins, Mr. W. L. Pattenden, Mr. H. P. White (Directors) and Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen (Chief Manager).

The following shareholders were present: Mrs. Pollock, Mrs. Claud Severn, Mrs. D. G. M. Bernard, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, and Messrs. V. M. Grayburn, F. H. Pentycross, Ho Wing, Ho Kom tong, Lo Cheung shiu, Chau Siu ki, Lo Chung-wan, Lee Oon, Mok Kon-sang, Tsai Kun-po, Mok Man-cho, Chau Shu ming, Ho Fook, Lo Man-hin, Ho Leung, A. S. Ellis, J. W. C. Bonnar, W. Anderson, W. E. Van Epps, F. Barrington Deacon, H. Birkett, F. R. J. Adams, F. Smyth, D. V. Stevenson, R. M. Dyer, P. K. Kwok, J. M. de Castro Basto, Chan Tung-sang, F. C. Hall, J. M. Alves, F. R. Marsh, C. C. Boyd, G. W. Barton, R. Hancock, G. B. Dunnett, R. Bruce, G. M. Dalgerty, F. M. Crawford, O. I. Ellis, Chan Ngan-ting, Sydney Michael, J. R. King-horn, H. B. L. Dowbiggin, D. K. Blair, A. R. Lowe, W. L. Leask, Leung Yan-po, F. S. Harrison, K. S. Morrison, C. Thorne, L. Dunbar, A. Denison, H. W. Bird, N. C. Wilson, G. B. Leighton, T. G. Weall, D. Templeton, Lee Oon-chau, F. P. de V. Soares, Fung Tag, P. S. Cassidy, T. E. Pearce, H. Gerardet, D. H. Cooper, P. V. Botelho, D. J. Lewis, H. Hancock, E. L. Sim, George Grimble, J. McArthur, A. Murdoch, C. W. Beswick, E. F. Aucott, P. C. Potts, E. J. Chapman, A. Percy, C. E. I. Beavis, M. S. Northcote, G. M. Young, W. E. L. Shenton, A. B. Stewart, and Captain R. Swain.

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH.

TRYING YEAR REVIEWED.

The Chairman said:—Ladies and gentlemen, the report and statement of accounts have been in your hands for some time so, with your permission, I will consider them as read.

It is a great satisfaction to us that we are able to present to you such a favourable balance sheet after a year of continuous uncertainties and disorganisation in all the exchange markets of the world, a year too in which profitable channels for investment of gold funds have been difficult to find. The cheapness of money in London has been reflected by a further rise in the price of gilt-edged securities and by a substantial decline in the earnings of nearly all of the great London Banks.

Fortunately we are not altogether dependent on the same sources of income as they are, though, of course, in view of our substantial gold assets, a higher rate of interest in London, which would be the result of more trade demand for money, would suit us better than the extremely modest rates that were obtained during 1922.

There has been a moderate revival of trade in the East and our operations generally have been fortunate, so our total earnings for the year were satisfactory. They amounted to \$12,982,408.99 which is an increase of more than \$2 millions over the total of 1921. We are therefore able to propose the same dividend on the increased capital, viz. 28 per share for the whole year with 42 bonus, to add to Silver Reserve \$1 million and to write off Bank Premises \$1 million. The carry forward, \$8,881,788.69, is slightly more than we brought in at the beginning of 1922.

I hope you will approve of these

has been the policy of your Directors for many years past.

ENCOURAGING FEATURES.

Turning to the other items of the Balance Sheet, we are confronted with the usual difficulty in making comparisons with the previous year owing to the rate of exchange being about 16 per cent. higher at the end of 1921 than it was last December. Several encouraging features may however be noticed:—Our cash and bullion is considerably lower and our bills discounted and loans are considerably higher than the previous year, as are our acceptances on account of constituents. All these are indications of more activity in trade. Our silver deposits have shown a normal expansion; while, on the other hand, our holdings of British Government treasury bills show a substantial decrease—I hope it will not be long before we are relieved of the necessity of using that method of employing our funds.

All losses made or ascertained during the year have been fully provided for out of current profits, and the margin between the market value of our gold securities and the prices at which they stand in our books has materially increased in the same period.

SILVER MARKET QUERY.

The silver market, in which we are all so much interested, did not present any very startling features during the year. The range of prices in London was only 7d.—the highest point being 37.3/8 and the lowest 30.3/8.—The variations in the actual gold values were less, the highest price in New York being 74.3/4 and the lowest 63. There was a net decline of 3d. in London during the year which was entirely due to the appreciation of the pound sterling, the price of the metal in New York at the beginning and the end of the year being almost exactly the same.

Purchases of domestic silver by the U.S. Government under the Pittman Act have proceeded steadily and should be finished towards the end of this year. There is much speculation as to what will happen when such an important quantity of silver has to be placed on the open market. Optimists believe that its appearance will coincide with the disappearance of the supplies from the various countries, which are reducing the fineness or demonetising their silver coinage so that the situation will be balanced; others think that the latter factor will continue for some years yet. There is no reliable data available to enable us to form an opinion, so we shall keep an open mind on the subject, and no doubt we shall all be wiser on this point when we meet in this room next year.

The quantity of silver absorbed by China was, as nearly as we can estimate, Standard Ounces 86,700,000. In 1921 it was 63 millions and in 1922 Ounces 98.1 1/2 millions.

More than half of the imported silver was used by the Canton Mint which it is estimated produced about \$794 millions face value of 20-cent pieces. These coins are 700 fine and, following the well-known Gresham law, they have driven into the melting pot the former Kwangtung coinage of higher intrinsic value. Their fineness was maintained at 700 but the more recent issues were clipped in weight to the extent of about 2 per cent. Here it may not be inappropriate to mention a few details about China's present currency.

CHINA'S CURRENCY.

The mints which have been specially active in this year at Nanking, Hangchow and Canton; the two former have been busy coining Yuan dollars—fairly satisfactory as regards weight and fineness and this currency is largely displacing silver in the Northern trade. Of

Yunnan, Chengtu and Anhui, we have heard very little during the year, they have probably been confining their operations to the manufacture of copper coins of ever-lowering value. The most interesting one may say, amusing item of news was however that the Anhui Mint had produced large quantities of forgeries of the Canton Mint's 20-cent pieces. These were seized by the Maritime Customs, which is now prohibiting the circulation of debased coinage from one port to the other—a very salutary measure. All these mints are run for profit by whoever happens to have secured control of them. The coinage is debased in fineness and reduced in weight as opportunities present themselves. The profit is made in the period of the lag between the debasement of the coinage and the corresponding decrease in the market values. The only safeguard left is the sycee of Shanghai. The manufacture of this is under the supervision of the native guilds and has hitherto proved to be absolutely reliable. It is the touchstone of the various currencies that are manufactured by the mints—their quoted prices in the market are always based on Shanghai sycee, and when debasement takes place these prices will ultimately reflect it.

If Shanghai sycee were to disappear, chaos would come; each mint would vie with the other in turning out debased dollars and we might in course of time see a coin that had in it more copper and foreign matter than silver. So, until there are seriously administered mints in China, it is absolutely essential to hold on to honest Shanghai sycee.

BRIGANDAGE AND PIRACY.

I will refer later on to political conditions in China. It is gratifying that the collections of the Maritime Customs have exceeded all records in spite of the very serious obstacles to trade which were, in evidence last year. In Hongkong our industries are prospering—land values have risen to, undreamt-of heights owing to the steady influx of Chinese from the neighbouring provinces and to a situation to which I shall presently refer. Unfortunately brigandage and piracy continue to prevail in the neighbouring provinces of Kwangtung and Kwangsi, hampering the free movement of imports and exports. Our external trade is suffering greatly in consequence.

Business in the North, though greatly hampered by unsettled conditions in the Great Northern provinces, was not altogether without encouraging features. There was a fair demand in the markets of the world for China's varied products and the situation of imports in the Northern ports is quite healthy. Statistics of China's foreign trade are not yet available but there must have been a moderate all-round increase.

It is hoped the close of 1922 has seen the liquidation of most of the old stocks in the Far East, and with these markets once again taking fresh goods suitable to the present demand, it is hoped that the outlook for 1923 may reasonably be expected to show considerable improvement.

The cotton mill industry in Shanghai continues to expand; there are now about 2 million native spindles in operation compared with 1,600,000 in 1921 and 1,300,000 in 1920. Indian yarn has been the principal sufferer by the growth of this local enterprise. Several indeed, most of the native mills have started with inadequate capital and it is feared that troublesome times are ahead of some of them.

PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN.

In the Philippines the wise and firm administration of General Wood is reducing the finances of the Islands to order and has already brought the Philippine peso to its par value. The high prices obtainable for products of the Islands, particularly sugar, thanks to the free market available for them in the United States, should soon produce renewed prosperity.

In Japan the year's imports show an increase of Yen 245 million over those of last year but the increase in exports is greater, viz. Yen 342 million, of which Yen 300 million was contributed by raw silk and silk textiles thanks to the high demand in America for these articles. This proved a special boon, otherwise the balance of trade would have been much more unfavourable.

It might be assumed from these figures that trade and industry were flourishing, but immense quantities of both manufactured and raw articles—the former produced at high cost—are still loading the domestic market. The liquidation of these is still going on, and in some cases

more to come, and to depression in trade generally.

Owing to high cost of production and in some cases to inferior quality, the markets captured by Japanese goods during the war have to a large extent been lost, competitive articles of the same nature offered by foreign manufacturers were better and cheaper so, until the standard of production is increased, operating costs and prices lowered, Japan will not be able to meet her competitors on even terms in the overseas markets of the world. What is most urgently needed at present is a development of the export trade, for however welcome the expansion of the silk industry may be, it is as a manufacturing nation Japan must hope to thrive.

STRAITS CONDITIONS BRIGHTER.

In the Straits, conditions, although still leaving much to be desired, are certainly brighter than they were a year ago. The two principal products of the Peninsula—rubber and tin—which were largely under the influence of general world-wide depression are now commanding better prices. Rubber restriction has been a much-debated subject, and while efforts failed to get all producing countries to arrive at a common conclusion in favour of a compulsory restriction on an export basis, so far as Ceylon and Malaya are concerned, came into force in the closing months of last year (1st November) and the price of the commodity has risen very substantially. Let us hope however that it may not be long before supply and demand adjust themselves on a satisfactory economic basis and artificial measures disappear. The tin industry is regarded as healthy and through reductions effected in mining costs, mining on present value of the metal is again on a remunerative level.

CHINA'S CHAOS.

The political history of China during the past year has again been one of deep disappointment; and the general condition of the country, so far from realising the fair expectations raised by its delegates at the Washington Conference, has become steadily worse. The standing army is larger than ever, and continues not only to be a crushing financial burden upon the country, but its ill-disciplined units have become a serious menace to both foreign and Chinese life and property everywhere outside the protection of treaty ports. Bands of brigades, consisting of deserting or unpaid soldiery, marauding through the provinces, burning, looting and kidnapping with impunity; while the whole country continues to be rent by ever-shifting political dissensions and military intrigues. The Peking Government, central only in name, is a puppet in the hands of contending tuchuns. The railways are over-run, their traffic disorganised and their equipment damaged by hordes of disorderly troops. The revenues which should go to maintain the railways and to pay the service of the foreign loans secured on them, are appropriated at their source by the military authorities. Over shadowing this chaotic condition of affairs like a dark cloud is the load of unsecured indebtedness—foreign and internal; an indebtedness with which the Peking Government, in its present circumstances has shown itself entirely unable to deal unaided; but which measured by the area, wealth and population of the country, would if properly consolidated, entitle China to be placed almost at the head of the world. So long as present conditions persist, however, and until the people of China show their determination to insist upon effective measures being taken by the Government for the disbandment of troops the consolidation of the unsecured debt, and the unification of the country, every attempt to assist her from outside must be regarded as futile. The Consortium, which was formed to give such assistance, must continue to stand by, a patient and passive spectator of events. No financial assistance which would serve the real interests of China, while at the same time securing protection of bondholders, is possible in existing circumstances.

TWO BRIGHT SPOTS.

There are two bright spots in this otherwise gloomy picture. The first is that the Maritime Customs collection for 1922 has beaten all previous records, thus showing once more a vitality of trade which seems to be proof against all the forces of anarchy and misgovernment. No doubt the business has changed in character, and much of it that formerly passed through the hands of foreigners is now transacted by the Chinese themselves. But as to the steady increase in the general volume of foreign trade the customs figures leave no room for doubt. Proof of the growing commercial activity of the higher

precious fortunes of an official career, is to be seen in the numerous mills and factories which are springing up throughout the country. The other encouraging feature to which I refer, is the increasing interest taken in politics and the affairs of the government by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and their marked determination to make their voices heard. We hardly take up a paper without reading reports of resolutions urging disbandment of troops, or condemning the extortions of the tuchuns and the extravagance of the government. So long as he can trade peacefully, the Chinese merchant takes little interest in politics or changes of government. When, however, as would now seem, he realises that the country, and with it his own prospects of increased profitable trading, are in danger of being brought to ruin by the folly of his rulers, he is moved to utter a protest, for the expression of which the facilities of the modern Chinese press offer him a channel not formerly available. It is this great body of Chinese commercial opinion and vested interests, aided by modern facilities for publicity, which will, I believe, prove to be the force of the immediate future. I hope it will, by its insistence, secure the reforms which it is our earnest desire to see, and which, although they may be assisted from without, must be urged and created from within.

RIVAL HONGKONG PORT.

In the foregoing remarks I have only made a passing reference to the Consortium; but I would like to take this opportunity of speaking more particularly on a question which concerns both the policy of the Consortium and the future interests of this Colony. Allegations have been made in a responsible American quarter, and urged with an insistence which would seem to give them the character of a deliberate anti-British propaganda, that a treaty or agreement with the British exists whereby the China sea may be debarré from creating railway facilities necessary for the development of a deep-water port for ocean-going vessels at or near Canton; and that, although such development would be the natural accompaniment of any scheme for the completion of railway communication from Hankow to Canton, it is the fixed policy of the British to oppose it, as being detrimental to the trade of Hongkong. I am in a position to state categorically that no such treaty or agreement exists. Article 15 of the Canton-Kowloon railway loan agreement contains an undertaking, usual in railway agreements where the line constitutes the security for the loan, that the Chinese Government will not allow another line to be built competing with that railway to its detriment; but this clearly refers to competing parallel lines, and could not possibly be held to preclude the Chinese Government from constructing whatever terminal facilities they choose for the long projected Hankow-Canton Railway. Whether river improvement and the construction of a deep-water harbour at Canton are practicable or not at an expenditure which would be justified by the advantages to be gained, is a question for experts to decide; I am told that they are not. However this may be, I am persuaded that no development of trade facilities at Canton can, in the long run, be detrimental to this Colony, and our Chinese friends may be assured that British policy in this matter is bounded by no such narrow outlook as that attributed to it. (Applause).

CHINESE REVENUE.

The report of the Maritime Customs revenue collection for the year 1922 has already appeared in the newspapers, and I will not take up your time by repeating the figures here. The total net collection was H.K. Tls. 58,600,000, this, as I have already stated, beats all previous records, being Tls. 4,100,000 in excess of the collection of 1921, itself a record year.

The total salt revenue paid into the Group Banks, after deducting administrative expenses, was \$85,633,000, which is an increase of \$5,000,000 as compared with the previous best record of 1919, and an increase of \$7,600,000 on the revenue realised in 1921. Retentions by various local authorities amounted to \$31,688,000—an increase of \$13,000,000 as compared with the amount retained in 1921. In addition to the retentions made in former years in the provinces of Kwangtung, Szechuan, Yunnan and Hunan, revenue was retained during 1922 in the provinces of Shansi, Hupeh, Kiangsi and Manchuria, while at the same time no revenue had

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been paid into the Group Banks during the last months of the year owing to local military action. On the other hand, a gratifying increase of revenue was obtained during the year 1922 in the majority of the districts in which the control of the chief inspectors has not been interfered with.

The actual amount released for the general purposes of the Chinese Government during the year amounted to \$47,237,000 as compared with \$52,080,000 in 1921.

The reserve in the Group Banks, to provide for the Service of the Reorganisation Loan, was maintained during the year at \$7,000,000.

EUROPE'S FARLOUS CONDITION.

The economic conditions of Europe continue to give rise to grave misgivings. Very little progress is being made towards a settlement of the multitude of complicated international questions. It is very gratifying, however, that arrangements have been concluded for funding the British debt to America on mutually satisfactory terms, thus removing a fruitful source of friction and recrimination between the two countries and setting an example for the rest of our allies to follow. But it has not yet been found possible to determine the amount of German reparations, which is an indispensable preliminary to the flotation of the international guaranteed loan required to enable not only Germany but France also to arrest the depreciation of her currency and to balance her budget. It is a matter that cannot be postponed indefinitely, and the longer a settlement is delayed the more difficult it will be to avoid a great disaster to Central Europe, the effects of which would be very far reaching.

In England the situation has improved considerably, we are meeting our expenditure by taxation and not by borrowing.

The premium on gold has been reduced from twenty-five to eight per cent, and the New York exchange to within less than twenty cents of pre-war parity. In this matter it is the last step which counts and it is well not to be too sanguine of an early return to the old gold standard upon which British predominance in international trade was built up but we are entitled to contemplate with satisfaction the advance already made towards its ultimate realisation.

HOME TRADE IMPROVES.

International trade is based upon comparative cost. Prices are now relatively lower in Great Britain than in America. This is, no doubt, the fundamental cause of the improvement in the sterling exchange. It has also the effect, by stimulating our exports and discouraging our imports, of making England a better country to buy in than to sell in. The last available trade returns show that for the eleven months ended November 1922, the unfavourable trade balance, that is the excess of imports, has been reduced by over £100,000,000. Allowing for difference in prices it is now within measurable distance of the visible excess of imports before the war. It may fairly be said that trade appears to have turned the corner, and, assisted by returns from the £130,000,000 of savings invested during the year in foreign and colonial loans, is likely to improve if the springs of commerce are not choked at their source. The capacity and resource of the British merchant left to himself may safely be trusted to discover new channels of business and to launch again on the tide of commerce the freight of credit and confidence on which our international trade depends.

Early last year we issued a loan for £2,000,000 on behalf of the Royal Siamese Government. This loan was well received, being applied for many times over, and at present stands at about 8% premium which is an indication of the high credit of the Royal Siamese Government in the London market.

HONGKONG MILITARY LANDS FOLLY.

There is an important local matter which I feel you will expect me to refer to, and that is the question of the military lands.

Early in my speech I mentioned that land values had risen to undreamt of heights owing to the steady influx of Chinese from the neighbouring provinces and to one other reason, which I will now proceed to explain.

The area in this island available for commercial purposes is as you well know, strictly limited—it has been added to from time to time by laborious and expensive reclamations from the harbour and a new and extensive reclamation is now in progress.

As this is the case it must be self-evident that the best use should be made of the space available for business. And yet the military establishments continue to occupy a large tract of the best commercial land in the Colony, dividing the western from the eastern districts, hampering free

communications and the natural development of the business area. It is well known that our Government has been for years past making efforts to remove this anomaly. There are plenty of better sites belonging to the Colonial Government available where the troops could enjoy more healthy and spacious surroundings, but no settlement has yet been arrived at. I believe this is not due to lack of effort on the part of the Hongkong Government or to obstruction by the local military authorities, who must be well aware that the present cramped situation of the garrison is detrimental to the health and efficiency of the troops. There is no question of military strategy involved, yet the obstruction to the change comes from the War Office alone. I think it is time that the War Office realised that Hongkong does not exist solely in order to pay a military contribution of 20 per cent of its revenue, and that if this senseless policy of obstruction and hampering of British trade and the natural development of the Colony is persisted in, it will become a question of whether the contribution can be justified any longer. (Applause.)

TRIBUTE TO MR. STEPHEN AND THE STAFF.

I cannot conclude without a word of commendation to the staff. In the Hon. Mr. A. G. Stephen, our Chief Manager we have a man whose knowledge of business and finance is unparalleled and whose services to the Empire and its Eastern connection is well-known to all of you. During the past two years, in a period of world depression, the Bank has progressed under his able direction and its position today is stronger than ever. Amid the troubles and disasters throughout the world, the disorganisation and uncertainties of exchanges, our men everywhere have risen to the occasion and have created a faith in the Bank of the utmost value to trade and British prestige in the East. We are indeed fortunate in possessing a staff second to none in loyalty and devotion to the interests of their employers, and I am confident that as senior men retire their places will be taken by men of equal calibre and the Bank will continue to be a tower of strength to Eastern trade and enterprise in the future as it has been in the past. I am sure you will agree heartily with the decision of your Directors to award the Staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries. (Applause.)

MR. L. DUNBAR'S SPEECH.

THRIVING ON COMPETITION.

Mr. L. Dunbar said:—It is a great pleasure to me to record the adoption of the report and accounts. I think it is very gratifying in these troublous and uncertain times that the Bank is able to present such a favourable report, the profits for the year exceeding all previous records. Of recent years many new competitors have appeared in the Eastern banking field but the Hongkong Bank appears to thrive on competition, its reports for many years past showing a steadily increasing expansion of figures in every direction. I agree with the Chairman in describing it as a tower of strength to trade and enterprise and to British prestige in the East.

I am glad the Chairman touched on the question of military lands. We see the Colony expanding in every direction, building going on every where and the rents in the central district rising to a height that is a serious handicap to merchants. And yet the military continue to occupy the location they have held for the last 80 years, a location which although eminently unsuitable for the troops, would be of the utmost value to the business community. Let us hope the War Office will wake up one day and discover that Hongkong has changed somewhat since the military took up their present quarters, when the island was first occupied.

I am sure we all join the Chairman in his tribute to the Staff. The Bank is indeed fortunate in possessing a staff of men who began their business careers in the Bank and mean to end them in the same service. The number of them who have served for over twenty years in the East is a source of strength and stability. I think you will all heartily support the Directors in voting the Staff a bonus of 10 per cent. on their salaries.

I now beg to second the adoption of the report and accounts. (Applause.)

The motion was carried unanimously and Mr. G. M. Young then moved that the appointment of Mr. A. M. Bowes-Smith as Director be confirmed and that Messrs W. L. Pattenden, G. M. Dodwell and D. G. M. Bernard be re-elected Directors.

Mr. M. B. Northcote seconded and the motion was unanimously agreed to. On the motion of Mr. W. B. Shenton seconded by Mr. A. B. Stewart, Messrs A. B. Lowe and W. J. Chapman were re-elected Auditors for the ensuing year.

SPECIAL CABLE.

SINGAPORE RENTS.

HONGKONG EXAMPLE CITED.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, February 23.

At a mass meeting of tenants yesterday an appeal was made to the Government to re-introduce the Rent Ordinance. The meeting instanced Hongkong's example.

RABIES AND TUBERCLE.

QUESTIONS BY DR. KOCH.

At Tuesday's meeting of the Sanitary Board Dr. W. V. M. Koch, pursuant to notice, will ask:—

1.—Will the Head of the Sanitary Department kindly inform the Board whether there is always a sufficient quantity of anti-rabic emulsion kept in the Colony for immediate use, and the conditions under which it is issued to medical practitioners.

2.—In view of the reported increase in the number of cases of Tuberculosis in the Colony and of the fact that certain reliable authorities consider that some forms of the disease are due to infection by Tubercle bacillus of the Bovine type would it be possible to ensure that no milk containing Tubercle bacilli is sold in the Colony.

CORONET'S COMPETITION.

PICKING THE PICTURES.

The Coronet management have hit upon a happy little plan for finding out what sort of pictures their patrons like best. During the next two weeks every ticket for a reserved seat at the Coronet will carry with it a form containing a list of a hundred of the outstanding pictures shown at the Coronet up to date. From this list patrons are invited to vote for what they consider the best twenty pictures, in their order of merit, and the fortunate person who succeeds most nearly in gauging the general consensus of opinion will receive a prize of \$100. There will also be other prizes and by means of this popular plebiscite among picture patrons the Coronet management hope to get a lot of assistance in mapping out their future time-table to the satisfaction of all concerned.

It is worth mentioning in the meantime that Mary Pickford will be seen for the last time to-day in "Through the Back Door"—and that "Steelheart," an attractive drama of the North-West, comes to-morrow. The inimitable Douglas Fairbanks is due to arrive on Monday in his latest picture "When the Clouds Roll By."

Coventry Public Library in its bi-monthly Readers' Bulletin for January-February 1923, is issuing what is believed to be the first bibliography on wireless telegraphy and telephony issued by a public library.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMER.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong via Japan ports Shanghai and Manila, on Feb. 23 and is due here on Mar. 6.

VOTE OF THANKS.

Proposing a vote of thanks to the Board of Directors and the Staff, Mr. C. W. Bewick said he was sure they would join him in expressing to the Directors, Management and Staff, appreciation of the excellent report and dividend put before them. They all knew that the last year or two had been extremely difficult for everybody interested in commerce and the Bank had come successfully through this period of depression at the same time standing by their constituents. He also would like to endorse the Chairman's remarks with regard to Mr. Stephen and the staff. Mr. Stephen was a man eminently fitted to follow his illustrious predecessor. It was quite true that he did not always get their own way with him but at the same time, he was always ready with kindly and shrewd advice to help them in their difficulties and always ready to assist any reasonable enterprise. After paying a tribute to the devotion to duty of the staff Mr. Bewick said that they all knew that the British community in the Far East was very proud of its Bank and of the position it held among the leading financial institutions throughout the world. After the vote of thanks had been carried with acclamation, the Chairman thanked the gathering and the meeting ended.

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MAINLY SCISSOR LOOKS.

Mosquito Facts.

Dr. Andrew Balfour, lecturing at the Royal Sanitary Institute, in a reference to the mosquito, said in the tropics and sub-tropics the mosquito was the greatest foe, and it should be their duty and pleasure to silence its shrill note of triumph. In India they had statistics of the number of persons killed by snakes and wild animals, but the total would shrink to nothing as compared to those killed by wild insects, among which the mosquito was facile princeps.

The sanitary inspector could become acquainted with the winged terror in all phases of its wonderful career within a few miles of that institute. Some years ago, the employers in a London "Tube" were being badly bitten and developing septic wounds (for which they claimed damages) 150 feet below the ground level, until investigation was made, and the mosquitoes emerged—to the amazement of the passengers on the platforms.

Highlanders' Ball.

A gay crowd assembled in the ballroom suite of the St. Andrew's Hotel, Glasgow, on the occasion of a fancy dress dance in aid of the Highlanders' Institute. The Earl and Countess of Cassilis received the guests, who represented types of all nations, from French Apaches to mysterious veiled ladies of the East. There were also clowns, pierrots, columbines, and many others too numerous to mention. Those who did not wear fancy dress came in Highland costume, and it was noted that over her draped gown of gold satin brocade, the Countess of Cassilis wore a sash of Kennedy tartan pinned with a cairngorm brooch. Mr. Kenneth Matheson, a Highland veteran, had in his possession a pistol which Prince Charlie, before leaving the field of Culloden, presented to Robertson of Woodhouse, who led Clan Donnachaidh. Mrs. Matheson, as a Jacobean lady, had a ring which Prince Charlie presented to Flora Macdonald, and a medal given by the Prince in 1760 to Robertson of Woodhouse.

Fortune-Tellers.

The Mieses believes in 'em. I don't. But let's put it on record before the event. Ten days ago one told her and a different one told me (we were doing side-shows at Olympia) that I should shortly make a lot of money through something connected with the Government, says a writer in the *Glasgow Herald*. The idea of making money out of the Government seems a bit ludicrous, and the wild supposition that I should make money appears to me to be a bit preposterous. But these two might have been just coincidence. A couple of days ago—quite by accident—my wife was at an afternoon show where the hostess had engaged a very well-known fortune-teller. For the third time my wife was told I was to benefit greatly from the Government in the immediate future, but on this occasion the further detail was added that it involved a journey to the North of England. Now I am waiting to see what happens! As a matter of fact I expect nothing at all.

Napoleon's Carriage.

An interesting decision has just been given by the German Supreme Court at Leipzig concerning the final ownership of Napoleon's travelling carriage, which was left on the battlefield of Leipzig. The carriage was claimed by both the British and German branches of Field-Marshal Blücher's family. It is not surprising that, in view of the great historical value of this war trophy, the French Government did everything possible to recover it, as well as other war trophies from Germany. Moreover, the Peace Treaty gives France and her rights. After Blücher's death the whole inheritance was divided between the English and German branches of the family. The only thing about which there was any uncertainty was this carriage, which was not in Germany but on one of the Blücher estates in Bohemia. Probably it would already have been handed over to France but for the claims raised by the British line. Finally after a number of suits in the lower courts the case came up to the Supreme Court at Leipzig, which decided that on legal grounds the carriage belongs to the English branch of the family. The claims of the German line were rejected. Curiously enough it now appears that Germany will not lose this interesting trophy, the English owners having decided not to bring the carriage to England but to present it to the city of Breslau.

An association, stated to comprise in its membership the principal British producers of wireless apparatus, has been formed under the title of "The National Association of Radio Manufacturers."

MAIL WEEK NEWS.

A retriever impaled on iron railings at Sevenoaks, Kent was rescued by a constable, whom it bit on the chin.

The Prince of Wales's visit to Leeds during his tour of the West Riding of Yorkshire will be on June 1.

While herring fishing in the Firth of Forth a Musselburgh, Mid-Lothian, fishing boat hauled in a live aerial bomb.

Signor Mussolini, the Prime Minister of Italy, who is also Foreign Minister, has taken over the duties of Commissioner of Aviation.

East Riding farmers are proposing that the hours of farm workers should be increased after February 23 from 60 to 65½ per week without extra pay.

Hull City Council accepted a contract for 1,000 tons of tramway rails from Belgium at a price more than £4,000 lower than a Sheffield tender.

Major H. G. L. Brewer, Royal Field Artillery, has been found guilty by a general court-martial of fraudulently misapplying public money and cashiered.

On the body of John Isaacs, out-fitter, of Wells, Somerset, whose body was recovered from a canal, was found £200, with a note making four bequests of £50.

A 17lb. pike has been caught near Horning, on the Norfolk Broads, by Edward Gillard, 24. Before it could be stunned the fish bit Gillard's taster in the hand.

Pig iron produced in Britain during December amounted to 533,700 tons, being an increase of 40,000 tons, on November, and the highest output since January 1921.

It is understood that the train ferries which have been acquired from Richborough for service between Harwich and Zeebrugge will use Richborough as an alternative route.

Littlehampton, Sussex. Urban Council has decided to permit Sunday lawn tennis between 2 p.m. and 6 p.m. on payment of fees increased by 50 per cent. above week-day fees.

Cousin of Senator Tittoni, President of the Italian Senate, Commander Augusto Tittoni, himself a rich landowner, shot himself dead with a revolver in a public park in Rome.

A film describing the love affairs of Lord Nelson and Lady Hamilton has been banned by the Bolsheviks at Moscow on the ground that it is counter-revolutionary, being too patriotic.

In succession to Dr. J. E. King, who is retiring in July, Mr. Norman Whalley, M.A., fellow and senior tutor of Hertford College Oxford, was elected headmaster of Clifton College, Bristol.

The first woman to take charge of a church in Wales is Miss Annie Dr. Ludwick, of Briton Ferry, Glamorgan, who has accepted the pastorate of Cresswell Bay, Pembrokeshire, Baptist Church. She is 26.

Mr. J. B. Matthews, K.C., has been appointed Recorder of Dudley, Worcestershire, in the place of Mr. W. J. Distin, K.C., who resigned, and Mr. A. J. H. Brice succeeds Mr. Matthews as Recorder of Tewkesbury.

Ernest Barry, the world's champion sculler, who was granted his discharge in bankruptcy at Brentford, Middlesex, subject to 2 years' suspension, said: "I am down and out. My athletic days are virtually over."

For offering £1 and an old machine to two Bath Corporation officials in the hope of getting an order, John Love, 43, of Lydney, Gloucestershire, a typewriter agent, was fined £4 for bribery at Bath. The magistrates were not unanimous.

The diamond works at Brighton, catalysed by the late Sir Bernard Oppenheimer during the war to provide work for disabled soldiers, will close, the industry not having recovered from the effects of the trade "slump" of two years ago.

The National Co-operative Party are making the following grants to Co-operative M.P.s.—Mr. T. Henderson, Traralgon, Glasgow, £200 a year; Mr. A. Barnes, South East Ham; Mr. E. C. Morrison, North Tottenham; and Mr. W. Alexander, Hillsborough, Sheffield, £100.

Sir Wm. J. Noble, chairman of Messrs. Cairns, Noble and Co., Ltd., steamship owners, stated at a meeting of the Tyne Chamber of Commerce that the coal shipment figures for 1922 from the Tyne, which totalled more than 18,000,000 tons, represented 95 per cent of the pre-war yearly total.

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DUBLIN RAIDS.

DE VALERA'S CAPTURE OFFICIALLY DENIED.

London, February 23.
The report of De Valera's capture is officially denied.

Dublin Army Headquarters states that five irregular officers were captured at Drumcondra, the most important prisoner being Sean Fitzpatrick.

It is unofficially learned that a meeting of the First Dublin Battalion of Irregulars was progressing at the time of the arrests.

So far twenty irregulars have been captured in Dublin and raids are proceeding.

NEW CUSTOMS DUTIES.

London, February 23.
In Dublin the Free State Revenue Commissioners have promulgated customs regulations to be enforced as from April 1 whereafter customs duties will be collected on all dutiable commodities entering the Free State from abroad including Great Britain and North Ireland.

RUBBER RESTRICTION.

MODIFYING THE SCHEME.

London, February 23.
Mr. H. S. Hotchkiss, chairman of the special committee of the Rubber Association of America, who recently conferred with representatives of the British Rubber Growers' Association, interviewed in London, said a report embodying suggestions for the modification of the Stevenson restriction scheme was at present before the Colonial Office. He was unable to indicate what the modifications were until the report was published but both manufacturers and planters' interests were identical in the direction of establishing the price for crude rubber high enough to allow planters to secure a moderate return for capital invested and to attract new capital.

SMUGGLED SPIRITS.

JAPANESE SAILORS FINED.

London, February 23.
Three Japanese sailors of the "Yefuku Maru" from Hamburg were fined a total of £52 at Grimsby for smuggling brandy and whisky.

CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM ASSOCIATION.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD.

The Constitutional Reform Association held its annual meeting in the City Hall yesterday afternoon. The retiring President (Mr. C. G. Alabaster, K.C., O.B.E.), presided and members of the committee supporting him were:—Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Dr. Halsean, Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Mr. J. P. Briggs, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. L. M. Whyte, Mr. T. A. Martin (Hon. Treasurer) and Mr. R. Stock (Hon. Secretary).

The hon. secretary, Mr. Stock, read the Committee's report, which stated:

"Since the last annual general meeting, held on April 25, 1922, the only occurrence has been the return of the petition by Colonel Ward owing to its non-compliance with the official orders relating to petitions addressed to the House of Commons. The petition was arranged in order to comply with those orders and was returned to Colonel Ward in May. Owing to the dissolution of Parliament, the re-presentation of the petition to the House of Commons has been delayed until February of this year. Mr. L. M. Whyte joined the Committee during the year. The membership of the Association now stands at 260.

The Chairman, in presenting the accounts, said that a balance of £998 was brought forward from last year. The Association had incurred considerable expense in advertising and printing, in connection with the petition, with the result that, although there was a cash balance in hand of \$90.11, the sum of \$105.44 was still owing. He therefore hoped that members would send in their subscriptions to the Treasurer without delay.

After the accounts had been adopted the Chairman said he would like to take the opportunity of thanking the members for having elected him President in his absence last year. He did not seek re-election then, and he did not seek re-election now. He had very great pleasure

in proposing as President for the ensuing year, Hon. Mr. Pollock. Mr. Pollock was the founder of the Association, and had been President for several years. He did not stand last year, as he was going away. Now that he was back they welcomed him to his old post.

Mr. Whyte seconded and the motion was carried. In expressing his appreciation of the honour the Hon. Mr. Pollock remarked: "I may say that if it had not been for the somewhat urgent representations of the committee of the Association, I should have been reluctant to consent to be re-elected as President. I should not have been willing to stand. However, it has been strongly represented to me by the committee that, as the petition is now waiting for an answer, it would be in the best interests of the Association that I should serve as President. He added that this would be the last year he would consent to take the position, for he thought it a good plan to introduce new blood every year to direct the affairs of the Association. He was grateful for the support he had always received from the Committee and the members, and felt sure that support would be extended to him again. (Applause.)

The Chairman said that their Vice-President, Mr. Owen Hughes, was unfortunately absent from the Colony. He had much pleasure in proposing the election of Mr. A. R. Lowe to the position. In recent years Mr. Lowe had been a member of Council, and had shown great interest in public affairs, not only in the Council but outside it.

Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded, and Mr. Lowe was appointed with applause, after which he returned thanks for his election.

Regarding the hon. secretaryship, the Chairman said that Mr. Stock had been a tower of strength to the Committee, but the work had made so many calls on his time that he felt it incumbent upon him to pass it on to someone else. The Chairman therefore had much pleasure in proposing Mr. H. W. Remington. Seconded by Mr. A. R. Lowe and carried.

Mr. H. A. Martin consented to act again as Hon. Treasurer, and was reappointed.

LATEST RUHR MOVE.

REPLACING GERMAN CUSTOMS OFFICIAL.

Reims, February 23.
The French today decided to replace German customs officials by French throughout the Ruhr.

GERMAN COAL FOR HOLLAND.

The Hague, February 23.
The Reparations Commission has invited the Government to participate in the deliberations on February 28 on the question of German coal consignments to Holland.

INDIAN COTTON CROP.

INCREASE THIS YEAR.

Calcutta, February 23.
The final estimates of the Indian cotton crop for 1922/23 show the area sown to be 21,119,000 acres and the yield to be 5,196,000 thousand bales. The increases are 14 and 16 per cent respectively compared with last year.

CHINESE CUSTOMS REVISION.

THE TAX ON LUXURIES.

Marseilles, February 23.
The Chamber of Commerce has associated itself with the resolution of the Paris Chamber that in the revision of the Chinese customs tariff the classification of goods as luxuries should be restricted as far as possible and additional ad valorem duties should be converted into specific taxes.

LOYAL NORTH LANCASHIRES.

NOT COMING THIS YEAR.

Malta, February 23.
The movement of the Loyal North Lancashire Regiment to north China have been deferred until the cropping season in 1923-4. The Regiment will proceed to Malta on its release from Constantinople.

BILLIARDS.

CHAMPIONSHIP SEMI-FINAL.

At the V.R.C., last evening the second of the semi-finals in connection with the annual tourney for the billiards championship of the Colony was played, when T. S. Leung defeated M. Tsang by 163 points in a game of 750 up, thus qualifying to play in the final against A. J. Osmund who won the other semi-final from E. F. Lux by 750 to 570.

The winner of the final match (1000 up) which is due to be played off at 8 p.m., to-day, will earn the right to meet P. A. Yonovich (holder) in the challenge round for the championship at 6 p.m., on Monday (February 26). Although A. J. Osmund, a former champion, is much fancied as the winner of the final, a very good game is promised to-night as Leung is a very fine player.

Of the Committee, Mr. H. B. L. Dowbiggin pleaded that the many calls upon his time prevented him from acting again. The other members were re-elected, with the addition of Messrs. R. Stock and D. V. Stevenson. The full Committee is as follows:—Dr. Halsean, Mr. J. P. Briggs, Mr. H. A. Cartwright, Mr. A. G. Coppin, Mr. A. S. D. Ousland, Mr. W. A. Dowley, Mr. D. Harvey, Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak, Dr. Charles Forsyth, Mr. W. Jackson, Mr. F. A. Joseph, Mr. A. R. Lowe, Mr. W. L. Patterson, Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Mr. L. M. Whyte, Mr. R. Stock, Mr. D. V. Stevenson.

Mr. A. R. Lowe moved a vote of thanks to the retiring President, and Hon. Mr. Pollock seconded. Mr. Alabaster responding briefly, a vote of thanks was also given the Hon. Treasurer, which concluded the meeting.

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CHILDREN'S CORNER.

THE WAY TO FAIRYLAND.

"I wonder if the flags are coming up well this year," said Dicky's mother.

"What flags do you mean mother?" asked Dicky in a surprised voice.

"Oh! not the things that you mean Sonny," she replied laughing, "you are thinking of the Union Jacks and Stars and Stripes and things like that I expect. But I mean some plants in the garden, their real name is iris but some people call them flags. Come along and let us look for them."

And she led the way down a winding path to a corner of the garden and there sure enough in a big round bed were some green sword-like leaves poking through the ground.

"By and by these will be tall, strong leaves," she told him. "And they have blue flowers or yellow or white ones. Then there is another bed belonging to the same family, light bronze leaves and these have fringe flowers."

"I will look at them again when they are bigger," said Dicky.

After that he came several times to watch them growing until they were as high as his waist and then right up to his shoulder, for Dicky was only a little boy.

One evening just before it was time to go to bed he ran down the winding path to see how the flags were getting on. The sun was setting in a great red ball and when Dicky came to the round bed he saw to his astonishment that the flags were all pointing to the hedge at the end of the garden and on several of them was written in shining red letters "Fairyland."

"Now I know the way," said Dicky to himself. "That's grand!" and he ran on in a great hurry, nearly upsetting a tiny brown man who was tearing along the path.

"Hore, look where you are going please!" cried the small man. "You nearly stepped on me with your big clumsy feet."

"Oh I beg your pardon," said Dicky, much abashed. "I wouldn't hurt you for anything but I ran in such a hurry that I never saw you."

"That's all right," answered the little man. "But why are you tearing along like this?"

"Didn't you see the flag pointing to Fairyland?" asked Dicky. "I did not know before that that was why they were there."

"Didn't you," the brown man said, surprised. "That is what fairy flags are for, especially when they are planted in a magic ring as these are."

"But don't you know the way to Fairyland?" questioned Dicky. "You are a fairy, aren't you?"

"Oh yes, I am a fairy right enough. And the little man twinkled all over his face. "But you see I often come such a long distance and so do many of my brothers and it helps us to find our way back quickly if we come across these signposts."

"Why do you have to come such a long way?" asked Dicky again.

"The Fairy Queen gives us all our work," answered the brown man. "And this year I and my ninety-nine elfin brothers and friends have been ordered to come every day to your land and our work is always the same. We have to look after the babies and to see that no harm comes to them."

"But they have nurses to look after them," said Dicky.

"Yes but what do you think happens when the nurses are all talking together," went on the elf. "They might fall out of their prams and have all sorts of accidents! We did not play with them and keep them amused."

All this time while they were talking the sun was going down and at that moment it disappeared altogether.

Strangely enough the little brown man vanished with it. When Dicky looked round the flags were standing up straight again and there was no writing on them and he heard his mother calling to him to come in.

"I must find the way to Fairyland another day," he said to himself as he ran home.

ANSWERS TO CORRESPONDENTS.

Edna Batala.—You must be very busy in your new class and I hope you will get on well with the examinations.

What is the difference between an angle and a rhombus?
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LONGEST CABLE LONGER.

TASK OF LAYING AN 1,800 MILES EXTENSION.

The longest cable in the world, which already measures 6,000 miles, is to be extended by more than 1,800 miles. The task will keep many hundreds of workmen employed in Britain for several months. At Greenwich 1,600 men will benefit. They are employees of the Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Co., who have been given the contract by the Pacific Cable Board.

The making of such a cable is highly skilled work. The copper conductor which carries the signalling current is insulated with gutta percha, which is then sheathed with iron and steel wires for protection, the final covering being of tarred jute as a protection for the iron and steel wires. Not only the cable makers at Greenwich will benefit, therefore, for in the North the supply of the enormous amount of material required will lead to considerable employment.

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NOTICE

TRAFFIC on the Peak Tramway will be suspended from 1 A.M. on WEDNESDAY, 21st instant for a period of eight days or thereabouts in order to carry out certain repairs to the haulage machinery. Season ticket holders will have the option of getting their tickets extended for the whole period or refund on such tickets for the unexpired period.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, February 19, 1923.

PEAK CHURCH.

TO meet the needs of the Peak Residents next SUNDAY there will be services in the PEAK CHURCH at 8.15 A.M., 11 A.M. and 5 P.M.

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THE THIRTY-NINTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS in the above COMPANY will be held at St. George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria, on TUESDAY, the 27th February 1923, at 11 o'clock a.m. for the purpose of receiving a statement of accounts and the report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1922, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from SATURDAY the 17th February, 1923, until TUESDAY, 27th February, 1923, both days inclusive.

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INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

UNDER the new arrangements the entrance to the Public Enclosure will be from the Gate at the Wanchai end of the Course. There will be a Ladies' Room, Refreshment Room, Bar and Stand No. 11 as well as a separate Enclosure for those using the Public Enclosure. The Cash Sweep will be at the end of the Public Enclosure next to the Weighing Room.

The entrance for Members and those holding Tickets for Members' Enclosure will be at the Middle Gate. Refreshments will be served every day in the Jockey Club Stand, Tables for which can be reserved at Wanchai.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE STEWARDS request the pleasure of the presence of the LADIES at the Races.

Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

PASSES FOR SERVANTS will be issued on application to Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings.

No Servants will be allowed into the ENCLOSURE of the Race Course during Race Days WITHOUT TICKETS.

These Tickets are only available for Servants while in attendance on their employers or when on duty at the various Stands.

Any Chinese found loitering about with Servants' Passes in their possession will forfeit them and holders thereof will be removed from the Enclosure.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 22, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

RACE MEETING, 1923.

FEBRUARY 28th, & MARCH 1st,
2nd and 3rd.

TICKETS OF ADMISSION to the PUBLIC ENCLOSURE may be obtained from Messrs. KELLY & WAUGH at the Gate. Price \$3.—per day.

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS in uniform \$1.—per day.

No one admitted without a Ticket to be shown to the Ticket Inspector at the Gate.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 16, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS' BADGES OF ADMISSION TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE are now ready and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Tuesday, February 27th.

Price \$10.00 per day or \$30.00 for the Meeting.

H. BIRKETT,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, February 15, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS have the privilege of introducing two non-members to the MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE.

A limited number of tickets are available and may be obtained from Messrs. Linstead & Davis, Alexandra Buildings on or before Tuesday, February 27th.

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Hongkong, February 15, 1923.

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SATURDAY, March 3rd, at 9.15 P.M. AT THE THEATRE ROYAL.

MAIN EVENTS.

Fifteen Round Contest for the Lightweight Championship of the Colony and the "Gedgo" Belt.
A. B. Chadwick v. Stoker P.O. Morgan
H. M. S. Mervin v. H. M. S. Hawkins.

AND
Fifteen Round Contest for the Middleweight Championship of the Colony and the "Daily Press" Belt.
A. B. Duncan v. P. P. Alnoworth.
H. M. S. Magnolia v. R. M. L. I.

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EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

REPORTS FROM THE RUHR.

LONDON, February 22nd.
A hint as to French aims in the Ruhr area is given in Paris messages suggesting that the Ruhr operations may be made the starting point of negotiations which may result in a new treaty, supplementing the Versailles Treaty. The most definite suggestion made is contained in an article in the Echo de Paris, written by M. Fortinax, on the Franco-Belgian negotiations in Paris. The article forebodes the ultimate transformation of the Franco-Belgian administration in the Ruhr area, where civilians are now managing the railways, into a veritable international administration, and refers to the possibility of an additional treaty being entered into by France, Belgium and perhaps Italy, with the Berlin Government, as the conclusion of the Ruhr enterprise. The hope is expressed that this treaty will receive the signatures of the other Allies.

SPURIOUS BILLS AND SPECIE.

New York, February 22nd.
International developments are expected to arise owing to the arrests in New York of many members of a huge counterfeiting organization which has flooded the United States with spurious bills and specie. The authorities state that arrests were also made at Liverpool, Hamburg, Naples, Havana, France, Austria and Egypt.

Wesden (Rhine-land), Feb. 22nd.
A visit here and to the town of Velbert confirms the presence of French colonial troops, including a small proportion of coloured soldiers, but there are no black troops.
[A cable message published yesterday from Essen stated that the burgomasters of Kuppferdreh, Warden and Velbert had reported the arrival of black troops at those places.]

IRISH REBELLION.

LONDON, February 22nd.
Important arrests of irregulars were made this morning, as the result of a raid by Free State detectives in the Dublin suburb of Drumcondra. The names of those captured have not been disclosed but it is said that they include prominent Republicans, amongst whom is Sean Fitz Patrick, acting commander of the Dublin Brigade of Irregulars.
A rumour to the effect that De Valera and Liam Lynch were among those captured is unconfirmed.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

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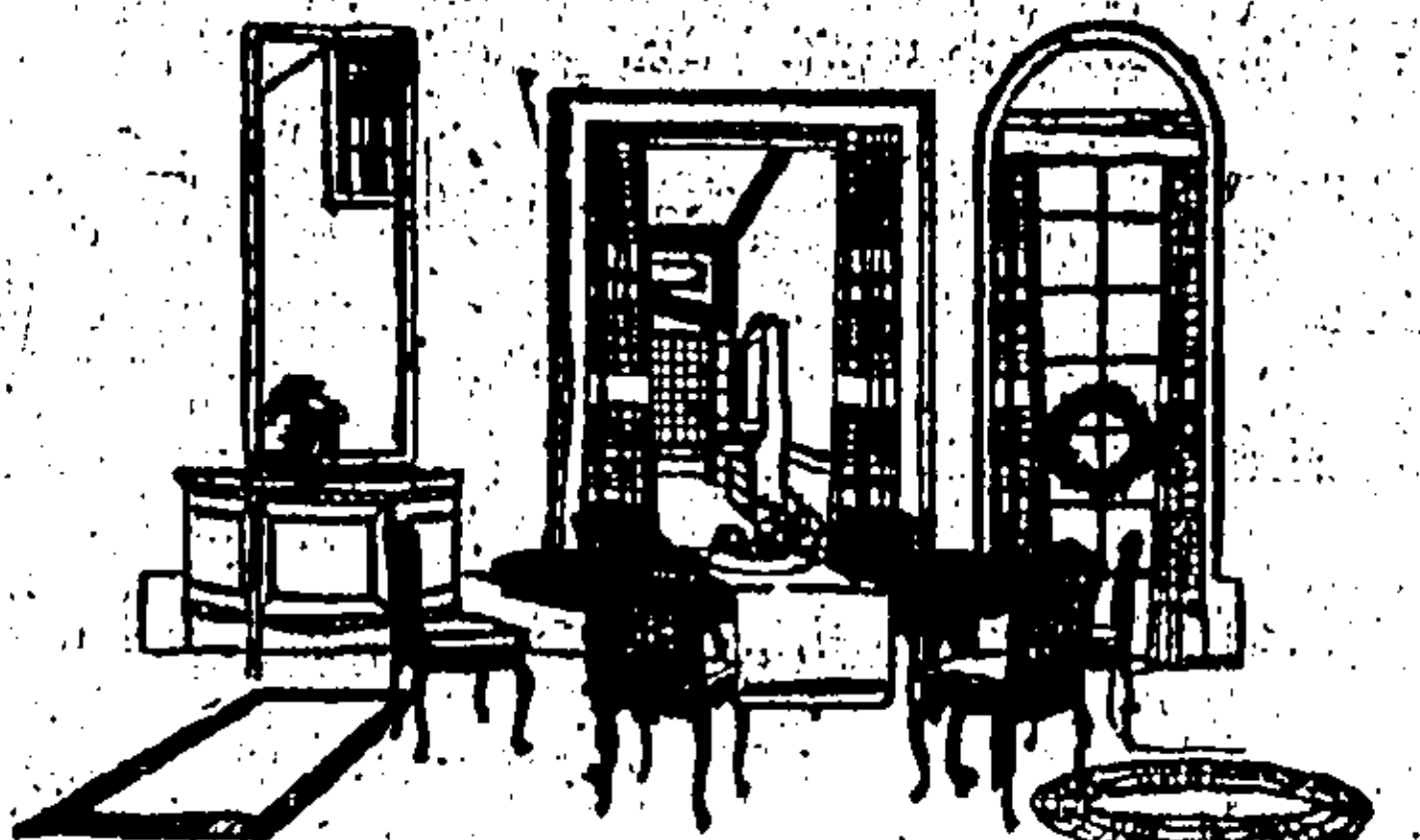
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The China Mail.

"TRUTH, JUSTICE, PUBLIC SERVICE"

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, FEB. 24, 1923.

Once more the Colony can breathe freely. The danger at last is past. But it has been a last, critical period, an anxious suspense. Any moment the dreaded "incident" might have happened. Any moment the irrevocable step might have been taken. Any moment disaster might have been precipitated. Any moment the Sampan Workers' Guild might have protested and threatened strike. But it didn't. In spite of fears, rumours and alarms, it didn't. Thus we only heard "The Gondoliers."

Some person described as a "business diplomat" recently approached the American State Department seeking sanction to purchase 500,000 rifles for a European power not involved in the present reparations crisis. His quest has resulted in an official order that during Mr. Harding's administration no arms may be sold to any nation or any individual. Will this mean that Hongkong's police have had their last big haul of American revolvers, rifles and machine guns? The answer, one fears, is in the negative—for the illuminating reason that America, with the other Powers, has long had a specific embargo against arms for China. Quite incidentally, one cannot help speculating what the arms traffic would have been without this embargo. Perhaps our police might have been seen wrestling ashore with a few howitzers, trench mortars and Big Berthas—not to mention flame throwers and tanks now that China is adopting (or, anyway, spying) Western civilization.

A magician now visiting the Colony offers \$1,000 to anyone who can hold him in hand-locks and leg-irons. He invites the public to bring their own handcuffs and leg-irons to his performance. With the races impending, I would gladly accept his challenge. But, unfortunately, I am already

using my own hand-locks and leg-irons. The \$1,000 is tempting, but I really can't afford to allow my only constant reader to escape.

After reading one of his articles in the *Straits Echo* last month, "An Admirer of Tom Wright," sent the following lines to that paper. Mr. Wright, whose *China Mail* article every Wednesday links him with his friends here, edited the *Straits Echo* some years ago, and his memory is seemingly still cherished in Penang.

What, Wright alive! I thought ere this
That he was in the realms of bliss!
Let us not say that Wright is wrong
Merely for holding out so long;
But ah! his clear, though we're
Loret!

Of many a friend that Wright has left,
Amazing too, in such a case,
That, Wright, and left should thus
change place!

Not that I'd go such lengths as quite
To think him left because he's Wright;
But left he is, we plainly see,
Or Wright, we know, he could not be.

For when he treats death's fatal
shot.

We feel that Wright will be no more.
He's therefore, Wright while left;
but gone.

Wright is not left: and so I've done.

"If Winter Comes"
is reputed to have earned
to its author over
£100,000, and "This
Freedom" in taking in
the sheets, too. A Home paper
writer hears that something like
150,000 copies of the latter book have
been sold in Britain and word has
just reached him that 225,000 have
been sold in America. "If Winter
Comes" is still being sold in chunks.
And there are film rights, dramatic
rights, translation rights and serial
rights. "A.S.M.H." bids fair to
become the wealthiest modern novel
list. Compare his reward with those
received by some of the greatest
names in our literature: compare it
and weep. "Reward" I use the
word incautiously. I should have
said: payment. Charles Garvice re-
ceived payment for a fabulous sum—
but he did not receive reward for the
simple reason that he did not deserve
any. The distinction is too subtle!

Then perhaps this will help you,
taken from Goldsmith's preface to
his essays:

However, whatever right I have to
complain of the public, they can, as
yet, have no just reason to complain
of me. If I have written dull Essays,
they have hitherto treated them as
dull Essays. Thus far we are at least
upon par, and until they think fit to
make me their humble debtor by
praise, I am resolved not to lose a
single inch of my self-importance.
Instead, therefore, of at-
tempting to establish a credit
amongst them, it will perhaps be wiser
to apply to some more distant cor-
respondent; and as my drafts are in some
danger of being protested at home, it
may not be imprudent, upon this oc-
casion, to draw my bills upon Posterity.

Mr. Posterity:
Sir—Nine hundred and ninety-nine
years after sight hereof pay the bearer,
or order, a thousand pounds worth of
praise, free from all deductions what-
soever, it being a commodity that
will then be very serviceable to him,
and place it to the account of &c.

Reported that a certain
Mr. Egi, in the Japan
army, wanted the
SAYS/ Privy Council to com-
mit seppuku (or harakiri)

because they had unwittingly present-
ed a false memorial to the Throne and
"to cause such trouble to the Imperial
mind implied serious remonstrance on
the part of his subjects." Mr. Egi's
demand recalls the story of the
magnificent French chef whose master,
a very wealthy marquis, had the king
for guest. This chef prepared a
magnificent repast—taking infinite
pains with each dish and employing
every artifice of his calling to delight
the royal palate—and then, while the
banquet was not yet over, went out
and committed suicide, not because
the meal was defective in the slightest
way, but because the king helped him
self to salt!

Having had his
haunted billiard cue
SHORTER and spooky bedstead,
ONCE Hongkong will be
STORY.

in the world, told in Douglas
Ajallie's memoirs, "Adventures
Social and Literary." Mr. Ajallie does
not guarantee its authenticity, though
he regards it as highly probable. He
got it from a Jesuit priest. "A
lady awoke from sleep feeling
frightened; it was pitch-dark: she
was about to reach out for the match
box, but before she could do so the
box was placed in her hand!"

Abstractedly prodding
the restaurant plate
for a sausage I had
eaten five minutes
before. I gazed fixedly
at the shiny bald head of the man
dining two tables away. Neither
seeing nor hearing him, thus I stared
full minutes five—thinking, thinking,
thinking. Almost convincing, those
arguments which had triumphed over
the hapless sausage and held the stage
while it passed away unwept,
unung, unnoticed. Almost con-
vincing—but not quite. Assuredly
the book before me was right when it
said civilisation was not a fixed
standard of institutions. Civilisation
was, manifestly, a relative term.

Shaw's theory was obviously wrong.
Humanity (as the book pointed out)
had advanced too far for any other
branch of the animal world to over-
take it now, much less outstrip
it in intellectual develop-
ment. Though it is now
definitely known that man has been
on the earth for some time between one
and two million years, still it was just
possible that he had not yet had a
fair trial; despite Europe's present
chaos, it was possible that he had not
yet been found wanting. The book
was right when it said that the mere
eight thousand years civilisation has
lived have never seen continuous pro-
gress, that culture perishing time after
time, new sections of the race have
constantly had to learn its lessons
over again, usually with very little
aid from their predecessors. But was
the present age the beginning of the
new era which would see civilisation
marching steadily forward, and in
spite of minor setbacks, never
flagging, never halting? The book's
arguments in favour of this cheering
view were strong, almost convincing.
Then, even while my head was nodding
the affirmative—though perhaps this
may have been an involuntary move-
ment in sympathy with the shiny bald
pate two tables away—anyway, even
while my mind was swooning this
hopeful conclusion, the last lingering
doubts swept away, even then came
black misgiving, utter despair. And
the tragic thing is I can't get the
opening bars of that damned jazz tune
out of my mind yet.

Ha, ha! Ho, ho!
It's really too funny—
Just listen to this
one! The Home Educa-
tion Board has

issued a circular suspending the
certificates examination for acting
teachers announced for November
next, because "returns which the
Board have received from the training

colleges show that the output of
certificated teachers from the training
colleges in 1922 is not being absorbed
into the schools as quickly as in pre-
vious years; and it would not appear
that in the next few years the schools
are likely to be able to absorb certifi-
cated teachers even as quickly as at
present, regard being had to staffing
economies and to the fact that the
number of children in the schools is
falling, and is likely to continue to fall
until, at any rate, 1925." And out
here—ha! ha!—we have posts filled
by unqualified teachers. Oh dear!
They really ought to cancel that pub-
lic meeting. Jokes like this aren't
met every day. Ha, ha!

This pretty story of
GOOD JOSS, a graceful courtesy
comes from Bom-
BAY.—The jail gover-
nor, after fixing the

hour of execution of a prisoner, was
forced to alter it. The prisoner was
thus informed of the change. "The
Governor presents his compliments to
Mr. — and would like to know whether
it would suit his convenience equally
well to be hanged at 10 a.m. instead
of 1 p.m." This reminds one of the
Chinese assassin who, after shooting
the wrong man, wrote and expressed
his sorrow to the dying victim and
hoped that he would have "perpetual
rest." The *Straits Echo*, printing the
Bombay story, observes that history
does not relate whether the prisoner
pleaded a prior engagement. Possi-
bly he formally regretted his inability
to comply with the Governor's re-
quest, hoping, like Mr. Mowbray, that
something might yet turn up,
especially if his demur meant delay in
the execution. Again, with the poker
player's anticipation, he might have
resented any change, mentally taking
long odds for one of those rare streaks
which saved one condemned prisoner
from death, three attempts to hang
him ineffectually failing and execution
etiquette then demanding his release.
Nothing abashed, this hardened sinner
promptly wrote a book about his
escape and the proceeds kept him in
comfort for the rest of his life. He
died peacefully, a mild celebrity with
the vulgar. However, in these days
of efficiency—Bywaters was dead thirty
seconds after leaving his cell—
in these days of efficiency we are not
likely to see any more freak escapes.
This despite, though, only last year
one "hanged" man actually did
elude death! But that was in Ireland
where nothing could have been too
fantastic. Kidnapped from a cab
by armed men, an auxiliary outfit
he became unconscious. Recovering
next morning, he found he was
guarded by a boy, whom he asked for
a drink of water. The boy turned
him over in order to release his
hands, which were bound. Finding
that his automatic pistol had been
left with him, the captain made a
perilous escape, eventually outpacing
two men who gave chase. The Gov-
ernment granted him £1,800 com-
pensation, his terrible experience
having reduced him to a nervous
wreck.

Though you have now
forgotten, you too must
COLONY'S have read it because
CALL everyone who comes
here reads it sometimes

before landing, certainly before read-
ing anything else. Should chance's
caprice have made you turn the blind
eye then you are the exception
proving a rule which includes the
Colony's most distinguished visitors,
among them the Prince of Wales
himself. Bloated millionaire and
abject stowaway, eloping wife and
prim old maid, hardened China hand
and wide-eyed griffin—they have all
read it, this inspiring beacon greeting
the traveller arriving here, like the
Statue of Liberty welcoming the
newcomer to the Promised Land.
High above the bustling Praya through
its shires, proclaiming its unwavering
message to the world—"A. Taak,
Sail Maker."

Now that interest in
LOCAL education is
growing, a feeling ever pitier,
with that public meet-
ing, the coming nearer
know.

Every day, parents
will doubtless wel-
come the following simple tests of
children's intelligence laid down in the
report of the Special Schools Sub-
Committee of the London County
Council, published in mail week—

The child of three should be able to
Obey a command.

Recognise simple objects.

Know the family name.

Repeat a six-syllable sentence.

The child of four should be able to
Name familiar objects.

Repeat three numerals.

Distinguish the longer of parallel
lines.

The child of five should be able to
Pick out the heavier of similar
boxes.

Draw a square.

Repeat a ten-syllable sentence.

Count four pennies.

The child of six should
Know morning from afternoon.

Define common objects.

Draw a diamond.

Count 35 pennies.

Recognise the prettier of two faces
of which one is pretty and one
ugly.

The child of seven should
Know right from left.

Describe a simple picture.

Carry out 3 commissions in proper
order.

Count the value of 5 pennies and 3
half-pennies.

Name red, blue, green, and yellow.

The child of eight should
Give from memory the difference
between common objects.

Count backwards from 20 to 1.

Note the parts omitted in uncon-
pleted faces.

Tell the day of the week.

Repeat five numerals in order after
hearing them once.

Applied here with some children,
these tests might produce startling
results. For instance "obey a com-
mand" might in many cases be
changed into "give a command"—
to buy or smash. One dreads to com-
plete what would happen when
the child, asked to "recognise simple
objects," indicated its fond parents
But enough!—the subject's much too
tricky.

Thus a Home paper:

While the revolver
AND THE continues intervals to
MAN, play a part in the

tragedies in Paris, dur-
ing the past few days public attention
has been more particularly directed
to the folly which prompts certain
misguided people to carry the deadly
"automatic" loaded—as if Paris was
some primitive community of the Far
West in the days of Bret Harte.

Thus while a young man was dancing
at the Moulin Rouge, his automatic
went off, it is said, by pure accident,
seriously wounding his partner.

Some Hongkong folk with automatic
never run this silly risk. They make
quite sure their weapons will not go
off accidentally, leaving them in the
drawer at home. And if they often
omit to lock this drawer, what worry!
If the weapon is stolen the new
owner, they know, will take the
utmost pains to see that it does not
go off—accidentally.

Few weeks ago the wage
were greatly tickled when
the daily health returns
classified one patient as
British and another as
Scottish. But it would
now seem that our M.O.H. is not
alone in his stand for Old Scotia.

Sydney papers report that one,
Donald Sheldon, charged with
assaulting a tram conductor, declared
he would have nothing to do with
Australian judges. He was a
foreigner.

Magistrate: Foreigner! What
country do you come from?

Sheldon: Scotland! (Laughter.)

I have been looking for the counsel to
defend me.

Magistrate: As far as I know
Australia is a part of the Empire.

Sheldon: I won't open my mouth.

Magistrate: Well, you will have
to open your pocket. You are fined
30s. or ten days.

Damaging the tram man, Sheldon
also damaged his case, otherwise he
might have ranked with another
sturdy upholder of Scotland's rights,
the Rev. Dr. Walter Walsh (London)

who has publicly avowed his belief
not only in Home Rule but also in
sovereign independence. He hopes
that what has happened with Ireland
is only the prelude of what is to take
place in Scotland. "We must have
our ancient capital restored to more
than its former glory," Dr. Walsh de-
clares. "The Stone of Destiny, which
was stolen from Stone, must be taken
back to where it came from, Scotland
must be made a place which can afford
scope for the artistic talent and
business ability of its sons. They
must not be compelled to gravitate to
London in order to find a livelihood or
a career." Sovereign independence!
That's the cause our M.O.H. espouses
when he makes distinctions between
British and Scottish. Hi-yah!

Wonder never ceases.

After three thousand
years, they have
found Tutankhamen's
tomb with its priceless
treasures. Yesterday someone says
they have discovered an ancient temple
in the Obelisk city of Ur, built
three thousand years before Christ and
repaired by Nebuchadnezzar. And
now, say, moment they might find the
ancient royal city of Kish, which was
not only the seat of the oldest dynas-
ty in history, but in the days of its
full glory was also the capital of three
more powerful later dynasties that for
nearly 2,000 years ruled western Asia.

Among the many ancient finds in
Tutankhamen's tomb was a glass be-
lief containing a human hair, grey
colour and obviously not the Queen's
because she was still in her youth
when her husband died. Possibly
when Kish is excavated, they will
find things much more interesting,
much more mysterious. Let's hope

they find these ancient ruins soon.
Hongkong really can't wait much
longer for the military lands agree-
ment.

WHAT WOULD HAVE
HAPPENED?

[Embodying what may be a gen-
eral impression that the army,
which Colonel T. E. Lawrence is
said to have rejoined as a private
in order to have time to write a
book without interruption,] must
be a rather different institution from
the one which many present civi-
lians once knew.]

Then quoth the purple sergeant,
drawing breath,
"Of all the hopeless stuff I ever
nursed,
Of all the louts who asked for sud-
den death,
My lad, you are the worst!"

"Lord knows why you made soldier-
ing your game.
The biggest muf the army ever
took!"

He paused; and faint but clear the
answer came.
"Please, sir, to write a book."

With one wild shriek the sergeant
sank and died.
But with his final breath he mur-
mured, "Go,
Go, corporal, to the colonel and
confide.

This shame, this bitter war!"

The broken-hearted colonel gave a
groan.
He too, collapsing, heard the
news aghast,
And, ringing up Division on the
phone,
This awful message passed:—

(Oh, hardly were the bitter phrases
coined!

Oh, brokenly, his failing agents
shook!)—

"We have a private here who says
he joined
(My God!) to write a book!"

The stricken general heard and,
wailing, penned
(Alas, that hand would hold a
pen no more!)
His last official memo, which would
send
The message on to Corps.

Corps read, and promptly ordered
a review,
Whereat, to wipe away this worst
of stains,
The whole stamped Staff—"A,"
"G," and even "Q"—
Blew out their wasted brains.

The news then passed to White-
hall's guiding ken,
And panic filled the departmental
cup;
For one wild moment all was red,
and then
The War Office blew up.

Peace fell, as this last citadel ex-
pired,
And orders no one gave and no
one took;
And thus the author of this peace
acquired—
The time to write his book.

LUCIO.
(Manchester Guardian.)

LOCAL AND GENERAL

The Exchange Banks will open
for the transaction of public business
from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon only on
Wednesday, Thursday and Friday of
next week, race days.

Lieut. W. J. Humphrey, M.C.,
2nd King's Regt., has been appointed
aide de camp to the General Officer
Commanding, vice Lieut. C. S. Fisher,
M.C., who has been posted to the 94th
Co., R.G.A.

The French Consul advises that
the Finance Committee of the
American Senate unanimously re-
jected the German demand for a loan
of one million dollars to purchase goods
in the United States.

Command Orders state that the
official rate of the dollar for all pay-
ments fixed in sterling which have to
be made in Hongkong and on the
China station during the month of
March will be 2s. 3d.

We regret to state that a row has
been received by cable of the death
in England, on the 21st inst., of
Captain R. Y. Anderson, who was for
many years in the service of the Indo-
China Steam Navigation Company.
The late Captain Anderson was 62
years of age.

Hongkong is to be visited in the
near future by three boxes under the
management of Mr. Jack Watson, late
assistant manager to Standard, Frank-
ford, of Australia, on a world's tour.
The boxes are Shing's, Sam's, the
Fisher's, Billy Tingle and Digger
O'Brien, of Sydney, Australia. "Tingle"
is a bantam of high standing in his
homeland and O'Brien is a preliminary
fighter with a bright future ahead of
him.

BOXER INDEMNITY.

BRITAIN'S SHARE AND CHINESE
EDUCATION.

Chinese students contribute the
following:

Before we write any thing we should
like to express our hearty thanks to
the British authorities for the inter-
vention of returning the remaining por-
tion of the Boxer Indemnity to China
for educational purposes.

We have learned from the Times
that there will be established Boxer
scholarships for post-graduate work.
This question we intend to discuss in:
How the candidates are to be selected
for these scholarships.

Since the Boxer Indemnity is paid
by the whole of China, the students
of every province should have equal
opportunities. It is not fair to the
Chinese students as a whole, nor is it
advantageous to the British Empire,
that only some favoured provinces
should be represented by these
scholarships. We should, therefore, propose that there
should be a joint committee, com-
posed of some British and Chinese
prominent, professional men, and
serving as an examination board to
hold annually a competitive ex-
amination in Peking.

With regard to the qualifications
of the candidates, it goes without
saying that they should be graduates.
But one thing the foreigners tend to
neglect, and we, therefore, cannot
over-emphasize it, that the candidates
should, as Professor Giles has rightly
suggested, show a thorough mastery
of Chinese literature and history.
Western culture is quite useless to
these Chinese students who have not
been moulded by their own national
culture. Worse still, Chinese people
usually regard such students with
suspicion, if not with contempt. It
is, however, a common defect of the
foreign schools in China that the
Chinese side of education is often
neglected owing to the fact that
foreigners do not know how to judge
Chinese scholars, and those whom
they have engaged to teach Chinese
are mostly far from qualified. For
this reason, most of those who have
been educated in missionary schools
do not have a satisfactory knowledge
of Chinese literature. On the other
hand, those who have received their
education in Chinese national
schools and universities, though they
might not be so well versed in
English, are usually much more
advanced in Chinese. It is the
students of the latter class that will
be most useful to China. It will, there-
fore, be more to the advantage
of China if the graduates of such
national universities, as the Peking
Government University, the South-
Eastern University, etc., are given
their chance to sit the competitive
examination as has been suggested in
this short article.

Some writers have proposed that
the Boxer Scholarships be
obtainable only by the graduates of
Hongkong University; but we should
not support this proposal. It is true
that there are in that university a
number of students from China pro-
per. But it is no less true that such
provinces as Shantung, Shensi, Ho-
nan, Shensi, Kansu, Kweichow, etc.,
have not so far sent any students to
Hongkong University. Besides, the
number of universities in China
proper has been increasing
so greatly within these ten years,
that it is now not so difficult as it
would be before, to supply candidates
for the Boxer Scholarships. Hong-
kong graduates are more than able to
hold their own against all comers
from no matter what
educational institutions in China.

HONGKONG FOOD
SUPPLIES.

HIGH POULTRY PRICES.

About a week ago, it was reported
that a batch of about six small river
steamers bound from Hongkong for
Wuchow, and other West River ports
had to abandon the trip owing to
danger above Hohai.

Enquiries this morning elicited the
fact that the rise in the price of
poultry after China's New
Year is entirely due to there
being no appreciable supplies of birds
arriving. As many as fourteen vessels
were sent to Wuchow a few days ago,
but their efforts to secure ship-
ments of poultry have been unsuccess-
ful. It appears that the Cantonese
troops formerly under Chen Jue-
ming are patrolling the lower course
of the river and the Kwai at troops
previously in occupation of Canton
are on the banks of the upper stretch.
Both camps view with alarm the ap-
proach of a ship from the other side
and seldom hesitate to open fire on
the most harmless river boat. The
result is that four of the fourteen
ships returned to Hongkong last night
while the others were either endow-
ing, picking up cargoes between
Hongkong and Hohai, or awaiting a
change in the situation.

NOTED MAGICIAN HERE.



Speaking of the hazards of his latest illusion in which a large live lion is used, Mr. Carter, the great magician, who appears at the Theatre Royal for three nights only, commencing Wednesday night February 28 says—

"Everything has to be timed precisely. I appear with the lion make up just as 'Baby' disappears, we blind as it were—both events being coincident with the dropping of the hapless victim into the den. Of course, if 'Baby' should take it into his head to investigate that other lion's skin, or may be to suspect a rival—"

Well, Mr. Carter, in reply shrugs his shoulders. But you may readily perceive possibilities of a front page newspaper story.

"But 'Baby' is a very kindly and sagacious animal," Mr. Carter insists, indicating his pet, who chances to be putting a dozen pounds of raw beef where it will do

the most good. "See here—" and he reaches through the bars and tickles the gigantic muzzle. "I couldn't do that to the average house dog without being snapped at." And 'Baby' merely grunts and proceeds with the beef.

Besides being the proprietor of 'Baby' and a most spectacular illusion entertainer—Mr. Carter is a tremendously travelled person, cultured and a brilliant talker on many interesting topics. On a world tour in 1908—he has made two of them, travelling ninety thousand miles in each—he spent six months in India, and he can tell marvellous things of that strange country; its usages, its fairs, its religions and its customs. He has seen the Taj Mahal, the most beautiful of earth's buildings. And he has produced his magical illusions in the palaces of rajahs and maharajahs—the native kings and princes of India.

DISORDER IN CHINA.
CHAMBERS OF COMMERCE
RESOLUTION.

SHANGHAI, February 23.

The Chambers of Commerce Conference passed a resolution that the conference records the serious effect the continued disorder in China is having upon trade with and in the interior where in many districts trade is almost at a standstill by the unwillingness of merchants to purchase and transport goods owing to constant looting and robbery by soldiers and bandits; that the present state of affairs is equally injurious to the merchants of all nationalities including Chinese and fears that it may seriously prejudice furtherance of the principles promulgated by the Washington conference.—Reuter.

N. RTHERN FIGHTING.

SIEGE OF CHENG TU.

PEKING, Feb. 23.

Reports from Chengtu state that the city was surrounded on February 22 and a state of siege has been declared. 'Curfew' has been imposed and the gates are closed. Some shells fell into the city and there was intermittent firing for two hours early in the morning when a raid is reported to have been repelled.

Wu Pei Fu is reported to have despatched guns and shells to the assistance of Liu Tzu Hsi. Yang Sen has appointed Wang Wu Chien Commander of the reinforcing troops.—Reuter.

POPPIES FOR OPIUM.

VLADIVOSTOK, BAN.

VLADIVOSTOK, Feb. 23.

The local revolutionary committee has forbidden the cultivation of the poppy for the production of opium.—Reuter.

A Forty Years' cure for Chamberlain's Cough Remedy has been curing coughs and colds for the past forty years and has gained its popularity every year. What better recommendation is required for such a remedy? All Chemists and Grocers keep it.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The return of notifiable diseases for the 24 hours ended yesterday shows one case of small pox and two of enteric fever, all Chinese.

An earthquake at Leighton Road, was run over by a truck yesterday, the injuries being so severe that he died after admission to hospital.

An advertisement in this issue announces that the Hongkong Stock Exchange will be closed on Wednesday, February 28, and Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 1, 2 and 3.

The London County, Westminster and Parr's Bank, the first of the big amalgamations, contemplates the shedding of this cumbersome title and styling itself the Westminster Bank.

The Government Gazette notifies that it is proposed to close to public traffic the lanes off Hai Tan Street and Tung Chan Street at Shamshuipo and the public path lying between the northern end of Victory Avenue and the Temple in Waterloo Road.

It was proposed that the 'President Jefferson' baseball team should play a team chosen from the South China Athletic Association at Happy Valley to-morrow afternoon but in all probability, the game will have to be postponed owing to the 'Jefferson' being delayed on her way to Hongkong.

Forthcoming Crown land sales include an agricultural lot of half an acre at Sham Chung (approx price \$50), ten building lots and an agricultural lot in the Tai-po district, an island lot of about 89,410 square feet at Causeway Bay and a Kowloon island lot of about 10,725 square feet at Lo Hung Hang Valley.

Causeway Bay was the scene of an attempted suicide yesterday when a young Chinese woman living at No. 1 Sharp Street East, attempted to commit suicide by jumping into the harbour. The unfortunate woman whom the police believe to be insane was rescued by some boat people and sent to the Government Civil Hospital.

The marriage was celebrated at Singapore on February 14, at St. George's Church, Penang, by the Rev. Kapell Garnier of Mr. O. V. Miles and Mrs. Jennie Marie Leatham nee Middleton. The wedding gifts were held at the E. and O. Amoy. The guests were the Hon. Mr. A. B. Youles and Mrs. Youles, Mr. Justice Sproule and Mrs. Sproule and Mr. Justice Whitley and Mrs. Whitley. The honeymoon will be spent at Penang Hill.

Jamaica, which is ventilating its grievances against Sir Leslie Probyn has a knock of disapproval with its Governor. One of the first of them, Sir Charles Grey, was recalled in 1893 in consequence of dissonance with the Colonial legislature, and twelve years later came the suspension and subsequent trial of Governor Eyre for alleged cruelties in the suppression of the rebellion. He was eventually acquitted, and in 1872 the House of Commons allowed him his legal expenses.

An Examination for the Certificate of 'Inspector of Nuisances' was held locally in December last, the Members of the Board of Examiners being Dr. J. T. O. Johnson (P.C.M.O.), Chairman; Dr. W. W. Pearce (M.O.H.); Mr. W. J. E. Mackenzie (Col. Vet. Surgeon); Sir E. H. Stuart Taylor, Mr. E. Ralphs, Secretary. There were seven candidates, of whom the following were successful: Henry Lane Lockhart, Francis Aslett, Martin Thomas Horton Blake, Eldred James, Ernest Savage.

The laws will be received with very sincere regret throughout Malaya of the sudden death from heart failure, last evening, says the Straits Times of February 18, of Mr. William John Wager, secretary of Messrs. Wearne Bros. of Orchard Road. To those who knew him intimately, and there were many in Singapore, the sad intelligence will come as a great shock, for 'Daddy,' as he was familiarly known, had seemed in the best of health as jovial and young as ever, despite his 53 years' and long residence in the tropics.

SOME PREFER S. TURDAY but any other night does just as well for Pinkettes, they are so gentle in action whilst so effective in results.

PINKETTES

These little lozenges, which are so popular with the young, clear the skin and purify the blood. On the subject of the pink lozenges, Dr. Williams' Medical Book Co. writes from Dr. Williams' Medical Book Co. Shanghai.

WUCHOW FIGHTING.

RIVER TRAFFIC SUSPENDED.

A number of the Kwangtung soldiers who were repulsed at Shuhling were driven back. And on the 19th inst., fought a small body of Kwangtung troops at Do Sing. It is reported that ten Kwangtung men were killed. The Kwangtung troops retired across the border of their own province.

Two small forces are now opposing each other at Kwong How eleven miles below Wuchow. River traffic is temporarily suspended between Do Sing and Wuchow.

H.M.S. 'Moth' has proceeded up to Wuchow and arrived there on the 22nd.

MECHANICS JAILLED.

TELEPHONE COY. TROUBLE.

With the exception of two who pleaded that they were dismissed by the Manager, twenty cable joiners formerly employed by the China and Japan Telephone and Electric Co. were fined \$20 each for one month's imprisonment in Mr. J. R. Wood's court yesterday for absconding themselves from their employers' service without due notice. Later in the day, the men having failed to pay their fines were imprisoned.

The trouble arose over a misunderstanding regarding an interpreter some time ago. Men were brought to a head and between February 1 and 3, defendants were all absent on various occasions.

Mr. H. L. Deany, represented the complainant company.

DRIFTING STEAMER.

'PRESIDENT JEFFERSON' ANSWERS S.O.S.

The Pacific Mail Line state that the 'President Jefferson' in response to a distress call, successfully reached and towed back to Yokohama the Shipping Board freighter, 'Hafiron,' which through some unknown reason had lost her propeller and was adrift 420 miles from Yokohama. In consequence of having to assist the 'Hafiron' the 'President Jefferson' will not arrive here till about the 28th or 29th. Arrangements have been made whereby she is to leave this port for Brisco via Manila on March 2.

Dr. Wilfred Vincent Miller, Koch has been appointed a member of the Sanitary Board for a further term of three years.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, (as announced in May and June of last year) providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

TAIKOO REFINERY TROUBLE.

THREATENED STRIKE AVERTED.

Hung Kai, clerk to the Kwon Sang Lung firm of contractors engaged at the Taikoo Sugar refinery, reported yesterday that his fifties were intimidated by the regular fitters in the employ of the refinery and that he was assaulted by two of them. Enquiries made by the Police resulted in the two men being arrested. Thereupon the 'old gang' threatened to go on strike.

A telephone message was sent to Wanchai Police Station and the necessary precautions were taken. The C.S.P. with a party of police went down to the Refinery in anticipation of trouble but there was no disorder, work being resumed as usual this morning. The two men arrested were brought before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning and formally remanded.

'SUN'S REPRESENTATIVE'.

COULDN'T PAY RICHSA FARE.

Chan Yu, a young Chinese who spoke English fairly well was charged this morning before Mr. J. R. Wood with having a richsa yesterday from 5.50 p.m. to 12.30 a.m. and refusing to pay the fare. At the station he was found to be in possession of one cent.

After the case had been remanded, the defendant delivered a harangue in the waiting-room to the effect that a member of the Kuomintang was invariably conscientious. He was the accredited representative of Dr. Sun Yat-sen and promised all and sundry an appointment as Lieut. General in return for the use of a pistol. He also suggested to the detective in charge that the overcoat he was wearing, although it had been given him by Ngai Bong-ping, should be pawned to find \$10 for bail.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Hongkong, February 23, 1923.

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The East Asiatic Co.'s m.s. "Africa" left Port Said on Jan. 31 and is expected here on Feb. 28.

The C.P.S. "Empress of Canada" arrived at Yokohama on Feb. 16 left Yokohama on Feb. 17 a.m. and is due at Vancouver on Feb. 28.

The N.Y.K. m.s. "Fushimi Maru" (European Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Feb. 21, and is expected here on Feb. 28.

The N.Y.K. m.s. "Wakaba Maru" (Bombay Line) left Hongkong for Yokohama on Feb. 21, and is expected here on Feb. 28.

The B.F.S. "Leontion" for London, Hull, Rotterdam and Hamburg left Shanghai on Feb. 23, is due here on Feb. 26 and will be despatched at 4 p.m. on Feb. 26.

The B.L. m.s. "Gambetta" left Singapore for this port on Feb. 20 at 10 a.m. and is due here on Feb. 27 at about 8 a.m.

The N.Y.K. m.s. "Awa Maru" (Bombay Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Feb. 21 and is expected here on Feb. 27.

The B.F.S. "Frisian" left Rotterdam on Jan. 16 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about March 2.

The B.F.S. "Dardanelles" left Liverpool on Jan. 27 for Penang, Port Swettenham, Singapore, Hongkong, Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama and is due here on or about March 10.

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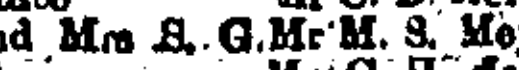
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to so much irritation. Seven or
eight men have lent their necks in
order that the wearing qualities of
collars and the effects of ordinary
processes of the laundry may be
tested as adequately as possible.

Several dozen collars of the same
type were purchased from the same
maker, and examined carefully to
ensure uniform quality. They were
then distributed among various people
who had agreed to wear them.

Half of the collars are sent to one
laundry, and the rest to another.
They do not receive any preferential
treatment in the wash, but when
they are returned the scientific staff
of the National Federation of Launderers
makes a special record of their
condition. Each collar has its
own history card, as if it were a
hospital patient, and it is hoped
that much useful information will
be gained.

BEAVER.

All sorts of things have to be
taken into account in an attempt to
arrive with any accuracy at the
cause of the frayed collar. For
instance, a man who has a stiff
beard and does not shave daily be-
cause of his beard skin, may shorten
the life of his collar because of the
friction set up. Similarly, a man
whose collar is too tight will cause
the buttonhole to be worn unduly,
while a necktie that is too thick
may cause the top of the collar to
wear quickly through constant
"tugging."

Surprisingly, numer-
ous are the factors to be considered
when trying to estimate the causes
of fraying, but the Federation of
Launderers is not dismayed, and is
tackling this and other problems
earnestly through its research de-
partment. In charge of it, the
Federation purposely appointed a
Bachelor of Science, who knew
nothing about laundry work—in
order that he might be quite free
from bias. The temporary labora-
tory at which he is working will be
supplanted about the end of April
by a new one that is now being
built.

THE LAUNDRY'S CASE.

"The question of the frayed col-
lar is merely one of a very large
number that demands attention,"
said Mr. J. J. Stark, general secre-
tary of the federation, in an inter-
view.

"The attention we are now de-
voting to research work is merely an
indication of the desire to give the
public the best possible service by a
trade that has changed enormously
in recent years. Gibes at the destruc-
tiveness of the modern laundry are
as common as the articles they are
unjustified. The old complaint that
by using strong chemicals the laun-
dries spoil clothes is no longer just-
ified. Very little bleaching is done
at the modern laundry, the smallest
possible quantity of chlorine being
used only for removing stains from
articles like table linen, and the
subsequent rinsing processes remove
all traces of the chemical. But the
public has to be convinced on one
or two important points, and it is
the aim of our research department
to do this and at the same time to
ascertain the very best methods of
treating the articles sent to the
wash. A huge number of factors
has to be taken into account, for
the variety of quality and wear in
the articles sent to a laundry is at
present incalculable. Just as there
are so many varieties in fabrics
there are different degrees and kinds
of dirt. To eradicate this satisfac-
torily with due regard to the
preservation of the fabric and the
cost of doing so is a big problem.

"Even the quality of the water
in any area has to be considered.
In London the water at the present
time has about 22 degrees of hard-
ness, whereas in Liverpool it is
about three or four degrees, whilst
in Glasgow it is practically neutral.
London water, again, is about four
degrees harder than it was a couple
of years ago, because during the
shortage water was drawn more
freely than usual from the chalk
fields. Variations in hardness
necessarily effect formula unless a
water-softening plant is employed.
The question of 'bleuing' is also
important. There are, in fact, a

NOT A NUN AMERICAN FILM STAR AND RUMOURS.

I am not a nun, and to say that
I am entering a convent because I
wish to become a nun is quite
absurd.

It was in this direct fashion that
Pearl White, the famous American
cinema star, disposed of the rumour
that she had taken, or was about to
take, the veil, and live the rest of
her life in a convent.

"I do not know why it is," she
said to a pressman, "but people
will always insist on exaggerating
everything one tells them or any-
thing they hear. As a result of a
short conversation I had with a
friend positively ridiculous rumours
have been spreading. According to
present plans I am only staying at
the convent for nine weeks.

"I am sitting myself away from
the world, and I am leaving no
means, no loophole, by which I
could escape from the confinement.
I have set myself to endure. Let-
ters will not be forwarded, because
nobody will know my new address.
I am not telling even my most inti-
mate friends where I am going."

WANT TO THINK.

"If I like the life and the com-
plete rest that will, I hope, result
from it, I may remain much longer;
perhaps for ever. Who knows!
However, I shall be a pensionnaire
and not a nun."

"The rules of the convent I am
about to enter are very strict, and I
like all the other pensionnaires, will
have to keep them."

"What I wish for above all other
things is to be left alone with my
thoughts. I want to think, and to
think without interruption.
There has been a great change in
Pearl White. She is no longer the
enthusiastic film actress revelling
in her work, but has become ex-
tremely serious both in conversation
and manner, with a timidity and
wistfulness that comes only as the
result of a disappointment.

GIRL SLEEPWALKER.

KILLED BY SHOCK ON
AWAKENING.

The strange story of the death of
a doctor's daughter, who had appar-
ently been walking in her sleep, was
told at the East Ham Coroner's
Court at the request of Joan Ethel
Russell, 21, who lived with her
father, Dr. John Hutchinson Rus-
sell, at 302, Romford-road.

Dr. Russell said that after spend-
ing the evening with her fiancé, to
whom she became engaged recent-
ly, she went to bed at 10.30. She
was in good health, although she
once had an attack of sleep-walking
and was subject to bad fainting.

Just before 8 o'clock in the morn-
ing he was called by his wife, and
found his daughter in a recess with
her head towards the pantry. She
was dressed only in her night
clothes and was not wearing her
shoes or stockings. Her body was
warm and artificial respiration was
tried in vain.

This coroner (Dr. Ambrose) asked
the doctor to look at the brown
deposit at the bottom of an ordinary
teacup which was produced. What
did he make of it?

Dr. Russell replied that it was
very bitter to taste.

Mrs. Russell said her daughter
had never been in the surgery in
her life and did not know opium
from anything else.

Dr. E. B. Randall said that he
was called in and found the girl
dead. He had tasted the deposit in
the teacup. It was bitter, but he
could not say any more. He did
not think the action of drugs ac-
counted for death.

The coroner said that the girl
was probably unconscious and went
into the surgery with the cup and
took something, the nasty taste of
which awakened her and caused a
shock.

A verdict of Death from Syncope
caused by the shock of suddenly
awakening from a state of somnambu-
lism was returned.

host of problems to be solved in the
interests of both laundresses and the
public, and the research work that
is in progress should have far-reach-
ing results.

COLOUR SCHEMES.

EFFECT ON THE NERVE.

Colour is a potent factor in every
day life, and its influence on man-
kind in general is more far reach-
ing than many people realise,
writes Louis M. James in the *Daily
Express*.

Novelty of blending and bizarre-
ness of effect is too often the only
aim, and then it is that colour
schemes which have been evolved
by the aspirant, accepted by the
client, carried out by the decorator,
and appreciated for a while will in
many cases become tiring almost to
a point of irritation. A feeling of
unrest and an unsettled state of
mind ensues. Let us avoid this.

RULES OF COLOUR.

Colours generally are divided into
two classes—first, those that have a
stimulating effect, and second,
those which have a soothing effect.
Red, orange, yellow, gold, pink,
and white constitute some of the
former, while green, purple, violet,
brown, grey, and black largely con-
stitute the latter. A too pronounced
use of either of these groups of
colours must be avoided, a subtle
harmony of the two brought about
by using just the right proportions,
should be the aim in view.

Interior decoration largely de-
pends on the aspect of a room, while
the actual purpose of the room must
be taken into consideration. By its
aspect we are able to gauge the
amount of sunlight to be enjoyed
by the room, and our stimulating or
soothing colours must be used in
proportion to the sunlight.

INTERIOR DECORATION.

A north room, devoid of sunshine
and often deficient in light, should
remedy its deficiency by the intro-
duction of orange, red, yellow, and
such colours as constitute the very
sunshine itself.

On the other hand, a south room
calls for just the opposite selection.
Ever sunny and light it requires
rather a toning-down effect, so that
such cool, soft shades as green,
mauve, grey, or blue will be their
happiest in this setting.

An east room, with its medium
light, looks, perhaps, most inviting
if decorated with a soft interming-
ling of yellows and rosy hues with a
judicious touch of warm brown.

A west room, by its nature sunny
and warm, flooded in the later days
with the harmonious blending of
sunset rays. The colours most suit-
able to it are soft apricot, blush-rose,
pink, a little gold to catch the after-
glow, and a cooling green.

MILLIONAIRE'S WILF.

ADVICE TO HEIRS.

Injunctions against Stock Ex-
change speculations and marriages
of his descendants with people of
another religion are contained in
the will of Alderman Louis Samuel
Cohen, formerly Lord Mayor of
Liverpool, who died on September
7, leaving estate of the gross value
of £1,182,700. The will is dated
April 18, 1921.

Mr. Cohen was the chief proprie-
tor of Lewis's, Ltd., and of Bon
Marche, Liverpool, Ltd. He stated
in his will that it was his earnest
wish that no son of his should,
while engaged in either of these
businesses, become a candidate for
or a member of Parliament, or any
municipal or district council or any
local authority.

"I advise and beseech my sons
not to engage in speculation on the
Stock Exchange or otherwise," Mr.
Cohen said in his will. "Money
made by speculation is sure to be
lost, and leads to further loss and
disaster."

Dealing with mixed marriages, he
wrote, "Inter-marriages between
persons of different religious beliefs
lead to great unhappiness, and it is
my earnest wish, which I am con-
fident will be regarded, that no
grandchild or remote descendant of
mine will forsake his or her religion
or marry a person who does not pro-
fess that religion, or who is not a
subject of the British Empire or of
the United States of America."

One of Mr. Cohen's sons is Major
Jack Bern Brunel Cohen, who lost
both legs in the war and has since
1918 been member of Parliament
for the Fairfield division of Liver-
pool. He was in business until
1914, when he joined the Army.

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Dook--Ag	30	41	42
Dovee--Pan Kaa	13	13	13
Eaga-Hoo--Kal Tan (cooking) per doz.	22	16	16
Eaga, Ham--Kal Tan (fresh)--per doz.	25	25	20
Fowit, Canton--Kal... .. lb.	80	36	34
Fowit, Hainan--Ho Nam Kal	65	32	34
Geese--Wgo	40	34	34
Pigeons, Canton-Pak Kapaow... ..	55	39	39
Yellow--Hoi Hoo Pak Kapaow	45	30	30
Turkeys, Cook--Fo Kal Kung Tsi	60	60	50
Turkeys, Ham--Fo Kal Ho	52	52	48
Salps--Sha Tan	33	33	33
Phassan--Shan Kal	35	35	35
Quail--Om Chai	35	35	30
Partridges--Ose Ka	90	90	90

Fruits.			
Almonds, --Heng Yan	.. lb.	56	20
Apples, (California), --Kam Shan			
	Ping Ko ..	34	
Bananas, (brides), --Maaco, --Sui			
	Hung Chin ..	4	
Cashbots, --Yung Tu		12	--
Cocoanuts, --Ye Tu	.. each	14	10
Lemons, China, --Ling Mung, ..	lb.	14	7
Lemons, (American), --Kam Shan			
	Ling Mung	each	7
Liches, Dried, (small stone), --			
	Lai Chi Kai .. lb.	33	30
Oranges, (Canter), --			
	Shan-shun; Tung Chang .. lb.	8	10
Oranges, Tung Chang		30	--
Pears, (Canter), Crowing, --She Ki ..	lb.	12	10
Pineapples, --Fa Chang		12	10
Pineapples, Large, --Hung Tai ..		12	10
Pineapples, --Tui Chin		3	4
Pineapples, Hain, --Twin Lo Yai	.. each	10	3
Walnuts, --Hop To	.. lb.	14	16
Wapors, --To Tai Tin		17	11

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adzebone, -Pak Kap Yu	...	16	18	15
affrango, -Two Pak	...	25	23	18
alibut, -Gung Kwai Kap...	...	16	18	23
abacus, -Wong Fa Yu	...	28	23	16
asch, -Wu Yu	...	60	23	24
...-lung Ha	...	41	23	21
lactaceral, -Chi Yu	...	44	30	26
...-Chun Fiah, -Mung Yu	...	32	23	23
...-Tud Yu	...	24	16	2
...-Shang Ho	...	31	16	23
carrot fish, -Kai Kwag Yu	...	29	14	9
...-Chu Lo	...	23	30	15
...-Fa Pan Fong	...	20	16	2
...-Fan Yu	...	35	23	14
...-Hak Chong	...	40	26	29
...-Hak Chong	...	45	38	30
...-Ming Fa	...	60	38	45
...-Fai Fa Sha	...	10	10	14
...-Shak Kan King	...	16	12	13
...-Chun Yu	...	33	23	16
...-Ming, -Ma Yan	...	45	38	30
...-Sha Yu	...	10	6	10
...-Po Yu	...	13	10	10
...-Hing	...	60	26	25
...-Lap Yu	...	38	33	30
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		24. — R. F.
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20. — R. F.	Leomedon.	4. — R. F.
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6. — R. A.	Reusa.	July 8. — E. A.
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8. — R. F.	Bellerophon.	
16. — R. F.	Lycemon.	
21. — R. F.	Tullier.	
24. — R. F.	Demodocus.	
2. — E. A.	Chilla.	
7. — R. F.	Mentor.	
17. — R. A.	Kina.	
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A suit involving \$50,000,000 has been filed by Mrs. Mary Eileen Cunningham Morrison, her husband, John M. Morrison, a prominent attorney, and Mrs. Julia C. Kenney, Mr. Morrison's sister, seeking half interest in the Calumet & Arizona Mining Co. and the Lake Superior & Western Development Co. The story harks back to the eighties, at Tombstone, Arizona, when Patrick Cunningham formed partnership with Martin Costello, and together they discovered mines worth fabulous sums. Cunningham was killed in an accident, and Costello, it is alleged, disposed of his partner's holdings without permission. Mrs. Cunningham brought suit, and Costello committed suicide.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Sutter



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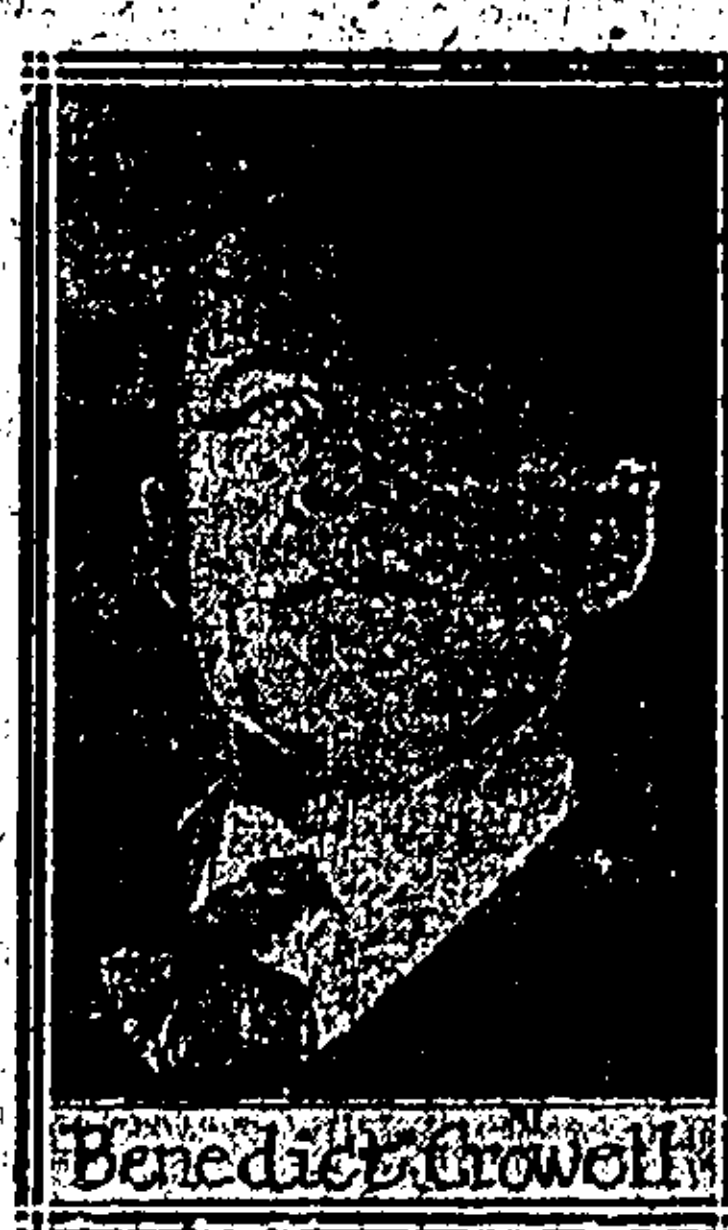
Orphans who are being taken to places of safety out of Asia Mine by American workers of the Near East Relief Commission.



Robert Drane, of North Quay, Yarmouth, is England's champion life saver. Although 68 years old he recently rescued a drowning Scottish fisherman, his 110th rescue.



Carmi Thompson, defeated Republican candidate for Governor of Ohio, is mentioned as the probable successor to Attorney General Harry M. Daugherty, who, it is reported, will retire from President Harding's Cabinet before March 4.



Assistant Secretary of War in President Wilson's Administration, who has been indicted by a Federal Grand Jury in Washington charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government of huge sums in war camp construction.



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President of Armour & Co., one of the large packing concerns in the world. His salary is said to exceed \$100,000 a year. The business of the interests he directs amounts to more than \$1,000,000,000 yearly. He began as a slaughter man.



Delegation representing Soviet Russia at the Lausanne Conference. The man in the front row, at the left, is Bakovsky. Next to him is M. Tchitcherin, leader of the delegation, and the fourth from the left is M. Vorosky.



This taxicab—one of the huge fleet used by the French to rush troops to the left of the Allied line and defeat von Kluck's drive on Paris in 1914—has been placed in the Invalides, in Paris, near the historic coach in which Marshal Foch, with representatives of the Allies, signed the armistice with the Germans in 1918. The taxicab was driven, with much solemnity, through the streets.

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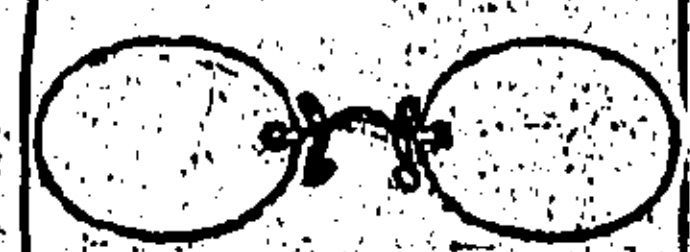
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